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Govt. urged to set up its own app for auto services

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

At a consultation meeting that was held on Tuesday on fixing usage fee for mobile app-based auto services offered by Ola, Uber, and other aggregators, the Transport Department received several suggestions from the general public.

Many said that the State government should set up its own mobile app aggregating the autorickshaws in the city to protect the interests of passengers as well as auto drivers.

High fares

Some of the participants also took objection to taxi aggregators charging exorbitant fares.

Transport Department officials said the decision based on the outcome of the meeting will be conveyed to the High Court.

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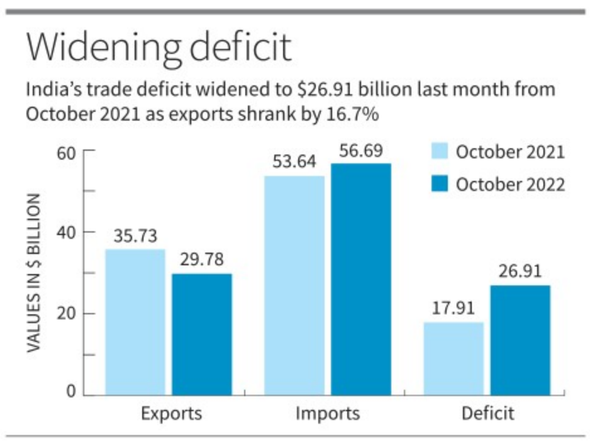

India's exports shrink 16.7% and imports rise 5.7% in October

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's merchandise exports shrank 16.7% in October to $29.8 billion as the global slowdown dented overseas demand for the country's goods.

The first contraction since February 2021 dragged outbound shipments below the $30-billion level for the first time in 20 months.

Imports grew 5.7% year-on-year to $56.7 billion, widening the trade deficit for the month to $26.91 billion, as per data released by the Commerce Ministry on Tuesday.

October was the fourth successive month when the gap between India's imports and exports exceeded $25 billion.

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PM meets Xi, Biden in Bali; talks with 8 leaders today

Modi spoke with Chinese President at the G-20 leaders' banquet; and reviewed strategic ties and cooperation in 'future-oriented sectors such as artificial intelligence' with U.S. President

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with U.S. President Joseph Biden and exchanged words with Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Bali on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, Mr. Modi is expected to hold more structured, bilateral meetings with at least eight of the 16 leaders present in Bali for the annual meeting of the world's most advanced economies, including his first such interaction with the U.K.'s Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Italy's Giorgia Meloni.

The Prime Minister's meeting with Mr. Xi, their first such in three years, was remarkable, given that they had not had any public interaction at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit at Samarkand in September, despite standing next to each other during the joint photo call. The two leaders last held a bilateral meeting in November 2019. They have not publicly spoken at all since the April 2020 stand-off at the Line of Actual Control and the killing of soldiers at Galwan in June that year.

At the G-20 leaders' banquet however, Mr. Modi was seen standing up from the dinner table where he was seated next to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, and turning around to greet Mr. Xi as he walked in.

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A step forward: PM Narendra Modi greeting Chinese President Xi Jinping at the G-20 leaders' banquet in Bali on Tuesday. PTI

PM Modi reiterates call to stop war in Ukraine

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The war in Ukraine, climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic have created a global crisis that is hurting the poor citizens of "every country", Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at the Food and Energy Security session in Bali.

He said the humanitarian and economic crises demanded a show of "collective resolve" to stop the war in Ukraine.

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'No final call yet on colour coding classrooms'

BENGALURU
The government is yet to issue any circular related to choice of colour for Viveka classrooms in government schools, said Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh on Tuesday. » PAGE 6

PM to inaugurate Tech Summit 2022 today

BENGALURU
The 25th edition of Asia's largest technology event, the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2022 (BTS 2022), is all set to start here on Wednesday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the event virtually. » PAGE 3

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Rhyme and rhythm

Dancing to the beats: Kommu and Dhimsa dancers in colourful attire enthral people during a rally organised as part of the State-level Tribal Festival, which got under way in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday. K.R. DEEPAK

Infosys Science Foundation announces six prize winners for 2022, including two from city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Infosys Science Foundation on Tuesday announced the winners of the Infosys Prize 2022, in six categories, which includes two from Bengaluru, on Tuesday.

The two recipients from Bengaluru are – Sudhir Krishnaswamy, Vice Chancellor, National Law School of India University, for Humanities, and Mahesh Kakde, Professor of Mathematics, Indian Institute of Science, for Mathematical Sciences. The other prize winners are: Sumana Chakraborty (Engineering and Computer Science), Vidita Vaidya (Life Sciences), Nisik Kanekar (Physical Sciences) and Rohini Pande (Social Sciences)

The prize for each category comprises a gold medal, a citation, and a purse of $100,000 (or its equivalent in rupees).

The awards will be presented on January 7, 2023. The foundation said that panels of accomplished jurors comprising world-renowned scholars and experts shortlisted the winners of the Infosys Prize 2022 from 218 nominations.

"The Infosys Prize is promoting stellar research in India by identifying and rewarding individual scholars. Even as our laureates add to the sum total of human knowledge, their work has a real impact in the here and now. We hope that their work will have far-reaching effects, not just in solving our current problems but will set the stage for finding solutions for the existential crises facing humanity, such as the effects of climate change, accessible diagnostics and healthcare, challenges of mental health, fulfilment of fundamental human rights, and others," said Kris Gopalakrishnan, president, Infosys Science Foundation.

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Gauri murder case: Witness gets threats

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A witness in the murder case of journalist-activist Gauri Lankesh has alleged that he has been receiving threats to stop him from testifying against the prime accused, Parashuram Waghmore, before the city civil and session court on Tuesday. Sources said despite repeated threats, the witness gave statement before the judge and later, the special public prosecutor brought the alleged threat to the notice of the court.

Following the submission, the court warned the accused against such activities and directed the police to provide necessary security to the witness. The witness was a friend of Parashuram Waghmore, who allegedly shot dead Gauri Lankesh, and is accused number 2 in the case.

The witness, identified as Daulat, identified Waghmore through video conference and also testified that he was involved in the Pakistan flag hoisting case in Sindagi. However, before Daulat left for Bengaluru to testify, four men reportedly came to his house and threatened him with dire consequences if he gave a statement against Waghmore. While being escorted to the court, he got repeated calls warning him of dire consequences, sources said. However, after Special Public Prosecutor S. Balan brought it to the notice of the judge, Ramachandra P. Huddar, he asked for details from the witness and instructed the police to escort Daulat back to Sindagi and also directed the jurisdictional police to provide him with security cover.

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Refurbished Golden Chariot back on track, but ride gets costlier

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

After a gap of around one year, the luxury train Golden Chariot, introduced by the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC), is all set to make its comeback on the tracks in a new avatar. But taking a ride on South India's only luxury train is going to be a costly affair.

Since its inception, a journey on the train was an expensive prospect, mostly attracting foreign tourists. Now, the ticket prices have gone further up - by almost $250. A passenger has to shell out $1,000 per night.

Officials of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRTC), to whom now the train has been leased to, attribute the hiked ticket prices to increased haulage charges. This refers to the charges a private entity has to pay to use the infrastructure provided by Indian Railways. "This year, the haulage charges have increased one and a half times compared to the previous year. Dollar rates have also gone up. Overall, it has resulted in a price rise from $750 to $1,000," said Mohammad Mohsin, Deputy General Manager, IRCTC, rolling stock.

While there are different tour packages which span over two nights and three days and six nights and seven days, customers can also make bookings to get down at other destinations in between.

In such cases, they can pay by the day instead of booking the whole package. Between the tourist season of October and April, the IRCTC has planned five Jewels of India tours, four Pride of Karnataka tours, four Majestic Karnataka tours, and four Sojourn of India tours. The first tour of the refurbished train will be flagged off on November 20 at 8.30 a.m.

The Golden Chariot luxury train is all set to resume its operations on November 20. K. MURALI KUMAR

"We have gotten around 20 to 30 booking for the inaugural train so far. Most bookings have come from the United Kingdom, Russia and other foreign countries, while a few are from domestic customers. The total number of seats available is 80 and we usually accept up to 60 bookings. We need at least 50% occupancy to operate on a no loss no gain basis", Mr Mohsin said.

When the KSTDC was previously running the Golden Chariot, marketing had not proven to be effective as occupancy remained low. Now, IRCTC has taken up a list of measures to improve marketing and attract more domestic as well as international clientele. "We had sent our team to market the product at the recent World Tourism Meet (WTM) in Europe. We have also taken up more of social media marketing and introduced some new tours to cater to the needs of customers," Mr. Mohsin said.

One such new initiative includes the two nights and three days Goa tour package. The Sojourn of India tour will start from Bengaluru and proceed to Mysuru, go to Chikkamagaluru, and after covering Hampi, will reach Goa.

"During December, tourists find it difficult to find hotels in Goa. At these times, booking this tour with us will help them out", pointed out Mr. Mohsin. However, attracting domestic clientele still remains a challenge, officials agree.

Although it was previously said that the train will depart from the Baiyyapanahalli station, the IRCTC officials are now reconsidering Yeshwantpur as an option due to its proximity to luxury accomodation options.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Former and sitting parliamentarians to face trial under PMLA

51 The number of former and sitting parliamentarians who face Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) cases lodged by the Enforcement Directorate, the Supreme Court has been informed. The report stated that 121 cases lodged by the CBI are pending against MPs and MLAs. The SC has been passing directions for speedy trial of cases against lawmakers. PTI

Google agrees to pay settlement in U.S. privacy case

392 In $ million, the amount Google agreed to pay to settle a landmark privacy case with 40 U.S. States over accusations that it had misled users into believing location tracking on their devices had been switched off. The rare joint lawsuit by 40 States grew from impatience over the failure of federal authorities to crack down on big tech. AFP

Rich nations pledge to help wean Indonesia off coal by 2050

20 In billion $, the amount rich nations pledged to raise to help wean Indonesia off coal and reach carbon neutrality by 2050. The U.S., Japan, Canada and six other European countries signed the accord with Jakarta on the sidelines of the G-20 summit to ensure a "just power sector transition" away from Indonesia's coal-dependent economy. AFP

Global population reaches milestone with eight billion

177 In million, the number of people India added as the world population touched 8 billion on Tuesday. While India was the largest contributor to the milestone, China, whose contribution to the next billion in the global population is projected to be in the negative, added 73 million. It took about 12 years for the world population to grow from seven to eight billion. PTI

ONGC September profit falls on the back of windfall tax woes

30 In %, the fall reported by India's top oil and gas producer ONGC in the September quarter net profit after the government brought a new tax on windfall profits arising from a spurt in international energy prices. Net profit of ₹12,826 crore in July-September 2022-23 is compared with ₹18,348 crore in the same period a year ago. PTI

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Is climate change affecting global health?

Why is the world's reliance on fossil fuels increasing the prevalence of disease, food insecurity and other illnesses related to heat? According to a *Lancet* report, how are changing weather events impacting lives? What action is required to stop the crisis from causing further damage?

EXPLAINER

Ramya Kannan

The story so far:

Even as countries are meeting at the ongoing Climate Change Conference (COP27) in Egypt, a recent report by *Lancet*, has traced in detail the intimate link between changing weather events and their impact on the health of people. The 2022 *Lancet* Countdown on Health and Climate Change: Health at the Mercy of Fossil Fuels points out that the world's reliance on fossil fuels increases the risk of disease, food insecurity and other illnesses related to heat.

What does the report outline?

The 2022 Lancet Countdown report comes at a time when the world is face-to-face with the threat of climate change.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), climate change affects the social and environmental determinants of health – clean air, safe drinking water, sufficient food and secure shelter.

The *Lancet* report indicates that rapidly increasing temperatures exposed people, especially vulnerable populations (adults above 65 years old and children younger than one) to 3.7 billion more heatwave days in 2021 than annually in 1986-2005.

How is it leading to rise in infectious diseases?

The changing climate is affecting the spread of infectious disease, raising the risk of emerging diseases and co-epidemics. For instance, it records that coastal waters are becoming more suited for the transmission of Vibrio pathogens. It also says that the number of months suitable for malaria transmission has increased in the highland areas of the Americas and Africa.

The WHO has predicted that between 2030 and 2050, climate change is expected to cause approximately 2,50,000 additional deaths per year, from malnutrition, malaria, diarrhoea and heat stress.

No relief: A view of the landslide reported at Koottikal in Kottayam, Kerala in 2021. VISHNU PRATHAPN

What about food security?

Every dimension of food security is being affected by climate change. Higher temperatures threaten crop yields directly, with the growth season shortening for many cereal crops. Extreme weather events disrupt supply chains, thereby undermining food availability, access, stability, and utilisation. The prevalence of undernourishment increased during the COVID-19 pandemic, and up to 161 million more people faced hunger in 2020 than in 2019. This situation is now worsened by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the report underscores.

Is the world dependent on fossil fuel?

The war has led many countries to search for alternative fuels to Russian oil and gas, and some of them are still turning back to traditional thermal energy. The report argues that even if implemented as a temporary transition, the renewed clamour for coal could reverse whatever gains have been made in air quality improvement and push the world towards a future of accelerated climate change that would threaten human survival. Instead, a transition to clean energy forms would undeniably be the sustainable way ahead.

Are there any solutions?

But the report is not all gloom and doom. A health-centred response to the coexisting climate, energy, and cost-of-living crises provides an opportunity to deliver a healthy, low-carbon future, it states. This is the way a health-centred response would work - it would reduce the likelihood of the most catastrophic climate change impacts, while improving energy security and creating an opportunity for economic recovery. Improvements in air quality will help prevent deaths resulting from exposure to fossil fuel-derived ambient PM2.5, and the stress on low-carbon travel and increase in urban spaces would result in promoting physical activity which would have an impact on physical and mental health. The report also calls for an accelerated transition to balanced and more plant-based diets, as that would help reduce emissions from red meat and milk production, and prevent diet-related deaths, besides substantially reducing the risk of zoonotic diseases. The report indicates that this sort of health-focused shifts would reduce the burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases, reducing the strain on health-care providers, and leading to more robust health systems.

These incrementals notwithstanding, it is true that data shows that the pace and scale of climate change adaptation, planning, and resilience is insufficient. In this context, the report calls for global coordination, funding, transparency, and cooperation between governments, communities, civil society, businesses, and public health leaders, to reduce or prevent the vulnerabilities that the world is otherwise exposed to.

THE GIST

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What does the World Bank report say about India's cities?

Which entities are funding urban infrastructure in the country? What are the reasons, according to the global financial institution, for low private and commercial investments?

Saptaparno Ghosh

The story so far:

According to the World Bank, India would need to invest $840 billion over the next 15 years, that is, an average of $55 billion each year, to meet the demands of its fast-growing urban population. Its latest report, titled 'Financing India's Urban Infrastructure Needs: Constraints to Commercial Financing and Prospects for Policy Action', puts forth the urgent requirement to leverage greater private and commercial investments to meet the emerging financial gaps.

Who provides finances to build cities?

Financing on a repayable basis can be done either through debt, private lending or public-private partnership investments. These require a recurrent source of revenue to meet obligations, thus, mandating raising adequate resources.

Much of the urban infrastructure in India is financed by tied intergovernmental fiscal transfers, that is, vertical and horizontal transfer of finance for attaining certain objectives sub-nationally. Of the finances needed to fund capital expenditures for Indian cities, 48% is derived from State governments, 24% from the Central government and 15% from urban local bodies' own surplus. The rest includes public-private partnership (3%), commercial debt (2%) and loans from Housing and Urban Development Corporation, or HUDCO (8%).

As for private debt, the World Bank observed, that only a handful of large cities have accessed institutional banks and/or loans. In fact, the volume of commercial debt financing might not be an accurate indicator, for States might accord loans to their entities via their self-regulated financial institutions at concessional terms. For example, Tamil Nadu Urban Development Fund and Tamil Nadu Urban Finance and Infrastructure Development Company provide loans on concessional terms.

What are some of the constraints?

The report argues that the overall funding base to raise commercial revenues "appears to be low" owing to weak fiscal performance of cities and low absorptive capacity for execution of projects.

Broadly, the global financial institution has argued that low service charges for municipal services undermine financial sustainability and viability. It goes to the extent that urban bodies are unable to recover operations and maintenance costs, thus, constraining their ability to further execute projects. In a related context, the report states that city agencies have been unable to expand their resource and funding base to support private financing for services such as water supply, sewerage networks and bus services, as they are highly subsidised. These are sourced from either their general revenues, own-source revenues (such as house tax, professional tax, property tax among others) or fiscal transfers.

Additionally, as for private-public partnerships, it states that revenue sharing designs between the two entities is not particularly viable for private investors and does not fully account for risk-sharing or risk-transfer mechanisms for project risks. Thus, problems arise during unanticipated demand shocks alongside legal and technical challenges that require restructuring to an entire public ownership.

Does the report propose solutions?

The central idea is to increase cities' fiscal base and creditworthiness. For improving their fiscal base, it states, cities must institute a buoyant revenue base and be able to recover the cost of providing its services. The latter could be attained by revising property taxes, user fees and service charges, among other streams, from the current low base.

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INBRIEF

Power shutdown tomorrow

There will be disruption in power supply on Thursday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the areas serviced from 66/11 kV Gollahalli MUSS in view of carrying out quarterly maintenance work. According to a press release from BESCOM, HSR Layout Division, the areas to be affected are: Weavers Colony 1 to 9th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Pillaganahalli, Gottigere, MLA Layout, Bhora Layout, Ashram Road, Kammanahalli, Balaji Garden Layout, Basavanapura, Tejaswininagar Phase-2, Mylasandra, Hommedevanahalli, Vaddarapalya, Prabhakar Reddy Layout, Betadasapura, Hullahalli, and surrounding areas.

BBMP chief blames rain for not fixing potholes

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath on Tuesday said that Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will fill the remaining potholes in the city by Saturday and blamed rain as the reason for not meeting the fixed deadlines. Mr. Giri Nath said: "There are only 1,000 potholes remaining to be filled and we need two clear days without rain to fix it. By Saturday, we will complete the work." The civic body has failed to meet the deadline to fill all the potholes in the city despite the Chief Commissioner directing officials to fill the potholes across the city by November 5. Later, the BBMP fixed November 14 as the deadline, due to rain in the city.

From Page One

Gauri murder case: Witness gets threats

Prashuram Waghmore was arrested as A5 in the case relating to hoisting of the Pakistan flag in front of Sindagi Taluk office in January 2012. He was released along with five others in 2018. The trial in the Gauri Lankesh murder case began in May this year, nearly five years after she was killed on September 5, 2017. Trial is being held every second week of the month for five days.

Transport Dept. urged to set up app to provide auto services

At a meeting, the public alleged that surge pricing was not transparent, and sought introduction of more prepaid auto stands with token systems

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A consultation meeting among various stakeholders under way in Bengaluru on Tuesday. BHARAT GOWDA B.R.

The State government setting up its own mobile app aggregating the autos in the city to protect the interests of passengers as well as auto drivers was one of the suggestions at a consultation meeting held on Tuesday on fixing usage fee for mobile-app based auto services offered by Ola, Uber, and other aggregators.

The Transport Department received several suggestions from the public. Some of the participants also took objections to taxi aggregators in the city charging exorbitant fares.

Ravishastri K., resident of Chandapura, said: "As a senior citizen, we are not in a position to afford the fares charged by the aggregators for auto services. Instead, the State government should come up with an app to provide auto services."

Krishna Raju from Malleshwaram said: "Commuting in Bengaluru using autos has become unaffordable because of the high fares charged by aggregators. To make services affordable, there is a need for a platform which should be controlled by the government."

Some of the participants also alleged that surge pricing by the aggregators is not transparent. Suggestions were also received for introduction of more prepaid auto stands in the city with token systems.

The department held a series of consultation meetings following the direction by the Karnataka High Court. Recently, the taxi aggregators had approached the court challenging the order of the Transport Department asking them to stop auto services after being accused of charging exorbitant fares. Currently, the court allows them to collect 15% (including 5% GST) above the fare charge. The court had directed the State government to hold consultation meetings with various stakeholders to fix user fees for providing auto services by the aggregators.

In the past meetings, some of the aggregators had asked for 25% commission charge and one had even demanded increase of basic fare up to ₹55.

As per rates fixed for digital meters, auto fare of ₹30 is charged for the first two kilometers and ₹15 for subsequent km. A senior official of the Transport Department said that the decision based on the outcome of the meeting will be informed to the court.

(Inputs from Bharath Gowda B.R.)

Students with pass can travel any time in buses on specified route

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

BMTC clarified that student bus passes are valid for 24 hours

The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has instructed the conductors not to demand ticket fare from students if they go beyond evening hours. The corporation has clarified that student bus passes are valid for 24 hours. However, the bus pass-holders should travel only on the routes mentioned in the pass.

Recently, a student complained to the BMTC about being asked to purchase a ticket saying that student passes are not valid after 7 p.m. In this backdrop, the corporation has given oral instructions to conductors to allow students to travel any time.

A BMTC official said: "The control room received a complaint alleging that a conductor did not allow a student to travel after 7 p.m. Following this, conductors have been asked to allow pass holders to travel even after evening hours."

Two arrested for cheating people

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The KS Layout police arrested two members of a gang from Uttar Pradesh for allegedly cheating people by offering to sell mobile phones at throwaway prices.

Mohammed Zubaid and Gulfam were part of the gang which moved around residential areas targeting gullible people.

The accused, after clinching the deal, would divert the attention and handover defective mobile phones with just a screen inserted in a pouch and escape.

XIME to hold national seminar

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BENGALURU

Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship (XIME) will hold a national seminar on strategies for accelerated job creation on Friday. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari will inaugurate the seminar virtually. It will be held on XIME premises in Electronics City, Phase II from 9.20 a.m.

Govt of Karnataka
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION & EX-OFFICIO DPC SAMAGRA SHIKSHANA KARNATAKA KOPPAL

SSK/EST1/KGBV/FOOD/EPT//2022-23 Date : 09-11-2022

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

E-tender applications are invited under KTPP act 1999 and 2000 to provide food for 05 KGBVs, 04 KGBV type-4 and 04 KKGBs of the Koppal District from eligible Non Govt Organisations/Agencies in **Two Cover** System during the educational year 2022-23 under the Scheme Samagra Shikshana Karnataka. Concerned file no is as fallows.

1. SSK/CV1/KGBV/FOOD SUPPLY /64/2022-23
2. SSK/CV2/KGBV-TYPE4/FOOD SUPPLY /66/2022-23
3. SSK/CV1/KKGBV/FOOD SUPPLY /67/2022-23

Interested eligible Bidders may apply between the date : **09-11-2022 to 23-11-2022 within 5.30 pm.** For additional information please go through the website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact District project office within office hours (**Tel no. 08539-222243, 9448999346, 9448999402**)

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement Mode)

No. No. 903/SE(E)/Tr(W&M)/CIVIL/22-23/CYS-47 Date : 14.11.2022

KPTCL invites bids for **Station Repair and maintenance civil engineering works** coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Hubballi.
The detailed notification regarding the works called through the "E-procurement" mode can be obtained by logging on to E-procurement's website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

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No. No. 903/SE(E)/Tr(W&M)/CIVIL/22-23/CYS-48 Date : 14.11.2022

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Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.),
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL,
Vidyuthnagar, Karavara Road, Hubballi - 580024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri.Sanjay Dutt represented that, misplaced the original Sale Deed, dated 04-11-2009, registered as Document No.VRT-1-03345-2009-10 and registered at Bengaluru. Hence my client had lodged a complaint and intimating the loss of the said original Sale Deed with jurisdictional Police Station, Bengaluru City on dated 04-11-2022. Any person or persons finding the said original may please to hand over the same either to the undersigned or to the Owner, if any person claiming any rights, title or interest based on the said deed should write the undersigned within 15 days of this public notice.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the General Public that, our client intends to Purchase the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder. Any persons, financial institutions, etc., having any sort of claim / rights / interest / charge on the below said property or any objections for the said sale of the property may file their objections in writing along with supporting documents, addressed to the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be construed that, there are no claims of any sort over the below said property and our client shall be advised to proceed with the proposed transaction and any claims thereafter shall not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

1) Sy.No.405/4, measuring 01 G, situated at Marasur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk
East by : Sy. No. 406, **West by :** Sy. No. 405/3, **North by :** Sy. No. 406, **South by :** Sy. No. 405/3.

2) Sy.No.406/5, measuring 37 G, situated at Marasur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk.
East by : Sy.No. 406/6, **West by :** Sy.No. 406/1 & 406/3, **North by :** Village Boundary, **South by :** Sy.No. 406/4 & 405.

M/s. Jury Legal Solutions,
Advocates,
No. 8, 14th Cross, 14th Main, 4th Sector,
HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102.
M : 9902195500 / 9844897355 / 9845069039
Bangalore Date : 15-11-2022

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Mode only)

No: 908/BGK/Tr.(W&M)/SEE/EE(O)AEE(E)-1/F-53/4960-68 Date: 15.11.2022

KPTCL Invites Tenders on electronic mode for the following works.

1. Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/BGK/PT/BABALESHWAR/2022-23/08/CALL-5.** Tender for Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of faulty Power Transformer of rating 20 MVA, 110/33-11kV, SPEC make, Sl.No. ST-42305 year of manufacture 2011 lying at 110/33/11kV Sub-station **Babaleshwar** in Babaleshawar Taluk, Vijayapur district on total turnkey and Percentage basis.

2. Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/BGK/PT/TERDAL/2022-23/09/CALL-5**. Tender for Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of faulty Power Transformer of rating 20 MVA, 110/33-11kV, EMCO make, Sl.No. HT-1712/2138 year of manufacture 2006-07 lying at 110/33/11kV Sub-station **Terdal** in Terdal Taluk, Bagalkot District on total turnkey and Percentage basis.

3. Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/BGK/PT/TODALABAGI-2/2022-23/10/CALL-3**. Tender for Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of faulty Power Transformer of rating 10 MVA, 110/11kV, Voltamp make, Sl.No. JN-8150/8 year of manufacture 2003 lying at 110/11kV Sub-station **Todalabagi** in Jamakhandi Taluk, Bagalkot District on total turnkey and percentage basis.

4. Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/BGK/SEE/22-23/110kVBB-NDG_2/CALL-2.** Tender for heightening of existing line by replacing the 110kV DC+O Tower of 110kV NBT DD+6 type towers for **Loc No. 206 to 207 of 110kV B. Bagewadi to Bagalkot (Nidagundi) line** for safety of school premises of Shasakar Govt model primary school B.Bagewadi Sharanabasaveshwar High School B.Bagewadi under TLM Section B.Bagewadi in TL&SSM Division KPTCL, Vijayapur on TTK basis.

5. Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/BGK/SEE/22-23/110kVINDI-ZLK_2/CALL-2.** Tender for shifting of existing line by providing 2 nos. of 110kV NBT (KPTCL Design) DC+6 type towers from **Loc No. 69 to 71** of **110kV Indi to Zalaki DC line** for safety of Govt First Grade Collage Zalaki under TLM Section B.Bagewadi in TL&SSM Division KPTCL, Vijayapur on TTK basis.

6. Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/BGK/SEE/22-23/EARTHING/MHLPR.** Tender for "Strengthening of existing earth mat by providing the new C.I pipe earth electrodes and connecting the equipments using 50X6 mm G.I flat to the existing earth mat at 220/110/33/11kV S/S Mahalingapur in Rabakavi-Banahatti Tq & Bagalkot Dist. coming under TL&SSM Division, KPTCL, Bagalkote on TTK Basis".

The tenders will be received through e-portal Mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-portal process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-procurement-KPTCL"** or to **https://eproc. karnataka.gov.in** on or after **16.11.2022**.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer(Ele.),
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Opposite Sector No. 45,
Zonal Office Complex, Navanagara, Bagalkot - 587103.

Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Head Office, No-6/13/1, 10th Block, 2nd Phase, Nagarabhavi,
Bengaluru-560072. Telephone: 080-22202100
email: kredlmd@gmail.com & agm.sogkredl@gmail.com

CORRIGENDUM

Adverting to KREDL notification No.: KREDL/07/SOG/F-108/KUSUM-C/2022-23, Date: 09.11.2022, the scheduled date of events notified in Request For Proposal (RFP) for **"Selection of Solar Power Generators (SPGs) on the basis of Build, Own & Operate (BOO), for Design, Survey, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Operation & Maintenance of grid connected distributed solar power plants for solarization of selected Agri feeders at Sub-Station (SS) level in HESCOM & CESC jurisdiction covering totally 75,000 IP sets, its associated 11kV line to connect the plant with concerned SS and Remote Monitoring System (RMS) of solar power plants through RESCO mode, for 25 years under Component C-Feeder Level Solarization of PM-KUSUM scheme",** is herewith postponed due to technical reasons. Any further amendments and updates will be published in the website: **www.kredl.karnataka.gov.in** For more details, please contact KREDL at: 080-22202100.

Sd/- AGM (SOG), KREDL, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client **MR. B. S. GOPALA,** S/o. Mr. Shamanna, residing at No.249, Bagalur Village & Post, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North-562149 & others are intended & agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from **MRS. RENUKAMMA,** W/o. Late C. Veerabhadraiah along with her children, as such intended to enter into registered Agreement of Sale/Absolute Sale Deed with respect to Schedule Property.

Any person/s asserting any rights, title, interest or claims in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner, against the owner or having any objections over the Schedule Property should write to the under signed within **SEVEN days** of the issuance of this Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regards to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period our clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the Purchase of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Undeveloped Converted Land bearing **Survey Nos.75/1 and 77/3,** measuring **4 Acres 11 Guntas,** converted from Agricultural to Non Agricultural Commercial purposes, vide official Memorandum order bearing No.ALN(NA)(JALA)SR/04/2012-13, dated 11/07/2012, issued from the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, situated at **Bandikodigehalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk (previously Bangalore North Taluk)** & bounded on:- **East By : 150 Feet Road; West By : Land bearing Sy.No.77/2; North By : Land bearing Sy.No.76 and Sy.No.80; South By : Land bearing Sy.No.74.**

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M.J. Law Associates, Advocates,
No.2, First Floor, Chickkanna Complex,
Kattigenahalli Bus Stop, Bangalore-64.
Mob No. : 9901900508.

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur Hassan District.

Short term Tender Notification No:21/2022-23
Date:07.11.2022

The Executive Engineer, CNNL.,Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur-573120 Hassan Taluk, Hassan Dist., As Per KW-3, invited Item rate tender (Two cover) through e- procurement only vide No.21/2022-23, Date: 07.11.2022 on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from the eligible contractors of PWD Class-III and above of any State /Central Government /Public Sector organization. Details:-1 work, Cost of Work approximate amount Rs.65.60 Lakhs, EMD as Prescribed in e-portal, The contractor can have access e-tender documents from 16.11.2022 to 01.12.2022 through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment (Non Refundable) of transaction fees as fixed by E – portal (2)Opening of Technical 02.12.2022 at 5.00 PM onwards. (if possible) For further information etc.,contact in the undersigned office during working hours or through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in (Department). **Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathy Dam Division, Gorur**

ವಾಸಾಸಂ೧/ಹಿಸನಿ/ಹಾಸನ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/723/2022–23

ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ನೋಟೀಸ್

ಆದಾಗಿ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ಆಕ್ಕಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಗೋವಿಂದಯ್ಯರವರು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಈ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಮಾಲೀಕರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ಮುದ್ದಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ ರವರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29–01–1979 ರಂದು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಬಸವನಗುಡಿ, ಉಪನೋಂದಣಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 1ನೇ ಪುಸ್ತಕ, 1135ನೇ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 21–23ನೇ ಪುಟದಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಖಲಾಗಿ, 3478/1978–79ನೇ ನಂಬರಾಗಿ ನೋಂದಣಿಯಾಗಿರುವ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರದ ಮೂಲಕ ಕ್ರಯಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ಸದರಿ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರವು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15–09–2022ರಂದು ಕಳೆದು ಹೋಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19–10–2022 ರಂದು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜೋಲಿಸ್‌ರವರಲ್ಲಿ ದೂರನ್ನು (ರಿಜೋರ್ಟ್ ನಂ. 0362879/2022) ಸಹಾ ದಾಖಲಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರ (Original) ದೊರೆತಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ವಿಳಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ತಲುಪಿಸುವುದು. ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಈ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ದುರುಪಯೋಗ ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾನೂನಿನ ರೀತಿಯ ಕ್ರಮಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಗಾಗುವುದು.

ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿವರ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕಸಬಾ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಗೆರಬಳ್ಳಿ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 21/2 ರ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಪೈಕಿ 29 (ಇಪ್ಪತ್ತೊಂಬತ್ತು)ನೇ ಸೈಟಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಹಾಲಿ ಬಿಬಿಎಂಪಿ ಗಿರಿನಗರ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ.162 ರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಎಸ್ ಬಿ ಎಂ ಕಾಲೋನಿ, ನಾಗೇಂದ್ರ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, 7ನೇ ಮೈನ್, 4ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, 29/144ನೇ ನಂಬರುಳ್ಳ ಜೂರಾ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿಗೆ ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:–

ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ :: 63ನೇ ನಂಬರ್ ಸೈಟು ಹಾಲಿ ರಸ್ತೆ,
ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ :: 28ನೇ ನಂಬರ್ ಸೈಟು,
ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ :: ರಸ್ತೆ,
ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ :: ಬೇರೆಯವರ ಸೈಟು,

ಈ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಇರುವ ಜೂರ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ: 30'–0 ಅಡಿಗಳು ಅಥವಾ 9.14 ಮೀಟರ್‌ಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ: 52 ಅಡಿಗಳು ಅಥವಾ 15.85 ಮೀಟರ್‌ಗಳು, ಒಟ್ಟು 144.65 ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್‌ಗಳು ಅಥವಾ 1560 ಚದರಡಿಗಳು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಮತ್ತು ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟ ಜೂರಾ ಸ್ವತ್ತು.

ಜಿ. ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್
ನಂ.27, 1ನೇ ಮೈನ್, ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್,
ಗಾಂಧಿನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು–560009
ಮೊಬೈಲ್: 9886065242 / 9845362084

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.: SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/AEE-2/F-114/22-23/Cys-80 & Cys-81 Date: 15.11.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement Mode Only)

(1) KPTCL invites tenders in the prescribed form from Super Grade Licensed Electrical Contractor for the following work on Partial Turnkey Basis:

Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/42/05.11.2022** for replacement of 1x12.5MVA 66/11kV Power Transformer-1 by 1x20MVA 66/11kV Power Transformer at 66/11KV Sub Station Pandrahalli in 220KV RS&SS Division, Chitradurga.

(2) KPTCL invites tenders in the prescribed form from Reputed Manpower Agency for the following work:

Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/43/05.11.2022** for providing Manpower Services for carrying out Shift Operations and Minor Maintenance Works at 66/11KV Station JN Kote & Konasagara.

For further details, prospective Bidders are advised to log on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** & click on to hyperlink **e-Procurement-kptcl** to participate in e-procurement portal **on or after 16.11.2022 for Sl.No.(1) and 17.11.2022 for Sl.No.(2) respectively.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Tr. (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Near Stadium,
Hadadi Road, Davangere. Ph: 08192-250774.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **P Aravinda** has entered into sale agreement with **Satish Kumar M S** for purchase of schedule property No 43 formed in survey no 99 V.P. Khata no 349/437/485, situated at old Madiwala village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk now BBMP Limits situated at No 43 3rd main Jai Bheema Nagar,Old Madiwala BTM 1st stage Bangalore 560068 measuring **East to West: 40 feet and North to South : 30 Feet** in all measuring 1200 sq feet and is bounded on the: **East by:** Property no 38, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Property No 44, **South by:** Property no 42 whereas the vendor is the absolute owner of the property acquired by registered sale deed: BNG(U)BTM/2371/ 2017-2018, dt. 31-8-2017 from Shri. N. GOPI, Smt POORNIMA , KUM LEKHANA, SRI C.M KRISHNA,SMT K. LAKSHMAMMA, KUM.K.SNEHA, SRI GOPI, SMT CHINNAMMA, KUM G PAVANI, SMT K.SAGAYAMARI. Anybody having any objection or claims, GPA, may submit such objections **within 7 days** hereof along with the copies of all the documents being relied upon failing to which my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property regardless of any such claims or objections.

H B GOPAL, Advocate, No.161,
2nd floor Gandhi Bazaar Main Road,
Bangalore-04 **Mob: 9606259613**

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, 3rd & 4th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bengaluru-560009, Tel. No. 080-22273511, 22100077

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement Portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from the eligible contractors who are empanlled & also willing to empanel in Karnataka Housing Board through E-procurement.

Last date for submission of bid : 28.11.2022 upto 4.00 PM

S.N.	Name of work
01	Construction of Post-metric Girls Hostel (Divided-2) at Mandipet, J.C. Building, Shikaripura Town, Shikaripura Taluk, Shivamogga District. **Work Indent No:** KHB_2022-23/BD/Work_indent 1060 & IFT No. 191/2022-23 Date: 14.11.2022. **Amount put to Tender- Rs. 2,44,24,601/-**
02	Construction of Post-metric D. Devaraja Urs Girls Hostel at Tumari, Sagara Taluk, Shivamogga District. **Work Indent No:** KHB_2022-23/BD/Work_indent 1062 & IFT No. 193/2022-23 Date: 14.11.2022. **Amount put to Tender- Rs. 2,45,48,311/-**
03	Construction of Post-metric Girls Hostel at Savadatti Taluk, Belagavi District. **Work Indent No:** KHB_2022-23/BD/Work_indent 1063 & IFT No. 194/2022-23 Date: 14.11.2022. **Amount put to Tender- Rs. 2,36,04,844/-**
04	Construction of Post-metric Girls Hostel at Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District. **Work Indent No:** KHB_2022-23/BD/Work_indent 1064 & IFT No. 195/2022-23 Date: 14.11.2022. **Amount put to Tender- Rs. 2,36,52,985/-**
05	Construction of Post-metric Girls Hostel at Chittapur Taluk, Kalaburagi District. **Work Indent No:** KHB_2022-23/BD/Work_indent 1065 & IFT No. 196/2022-23 Date: 14.11.2022. **Amount put to Tender- Rs. 2,46,25,620/-**
06	Construction of Post-metric Boys Hostel at Shakthinagar, Kalaburagi Taluk, Kalaburagi District. **Work Indent No:** KHB_2022-23/BD/Work_indent 1066 & IFT No. 197/2022-23 Date: 14.11.2022. **Amount put to Tender- Rs. 2,45,94,895/-**

For further information, contact office address: **Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru, Telephone No. 080-22273511/ 080-22100077. Website : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru.

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How the act of gaslighting isolates people from society and distorts their reality

A term popularised by psychotherapist Robin Stern, this psychological phenomenon explains a form of abuse and manipulation rooted in social inequalities and understood through power dynamics in relationships

Rebecca Rose Varghese

In 1938, playwright Patrick Hamilton wrote a thriller play called the *Gas Light*, which tells the story of a man who attempts to drive his wife insane in order to steal from her. He convinces her that she was going insane, to the point where she was made to believe that the noises from the attic and the flickering gas light were imagined by her, while in reality, he was responsible for it. Though not used in the play, the etymology of the term "gaslighting" dates back to it which was later adapted into two movies in the 1940s. Psychologists R. Barton and J. A. Whitehead coined the term "gaslighting" in 1969 as they analysed involuntary hospitalisation as a form of abuse. Rarely used after this, the term was popularised by psychotherapist Robin Stern in 2007 and has now become a ubiquitous term.

The workings of the phenomenon

Gaslighting is a phenomenon wherein techniques of manipulation are used to control people in politics and interpersonal relationships. Stern explained that in order for such abuse to exist the "mutual participation" between the "gaslighter" (perpetrator) and the "gaslightee" (victim) is imperative. When a person is gaslighted they experience confusion, anxiety and loss of trust in themselves. If successful in the act of gaslighting, the perpetrator can isolate the victim from society and even from their closest social circles to the extent that the gaslightee starts believing that the gaslighter is the only person they can trust.

In relationships, especially romantic or intimate ones, the process begins gradually, with the perpetrator gaining the partner's trust by showering them with romantic gestures. As time goes on, the abuser tends to suggest that their partner is unreliable, forgetful and endlessly dependent. They go on to isolate them from any systems that may provide the victim support. With the help of these techniques, the perpetrator pushes the victim to doubt their sense of rationality by suggesting that they are mentally unstable.

Different approaches

There are various methods used by gaslighters to manipulate their victims into questioning their realities.

Under countering, the perpetrator questions the victim's memory. "I don't think you remember what happened?" or "Are you sure about that?, You do tend to cook things up in your head" are a few questions that may frequent such conversations, in order to create doubt in the mind of the victim about their reality. The perpetrator acts like they don't understand the conversation or refuses to listen convincing the victim that they must have misunderstood.

By trivialising the victim's experiences or feelings, the perpetrator makes sure that the victim starts questioning their own character. "Are they right? Am I too sensitive or did I overreact?" is a familiar question the gaslightee might ask themselves.

The perpetrator also tends to deny taking responsibility for their actions of hurting the victim by blaming the victim for causing the situation that resulted in abuse by the gaslighter. Moreover, they divert the focus of a discussion, when the gaslightee starts questioning the gaslighter's credibility. For example, they could say statements like, " Those books you read are manipulating you. This is what real relationships look like".

Perpetrators can also use negative stereotypes, based on the victim's gender, class, caste, race or ethnicity to lower their self-esteem.

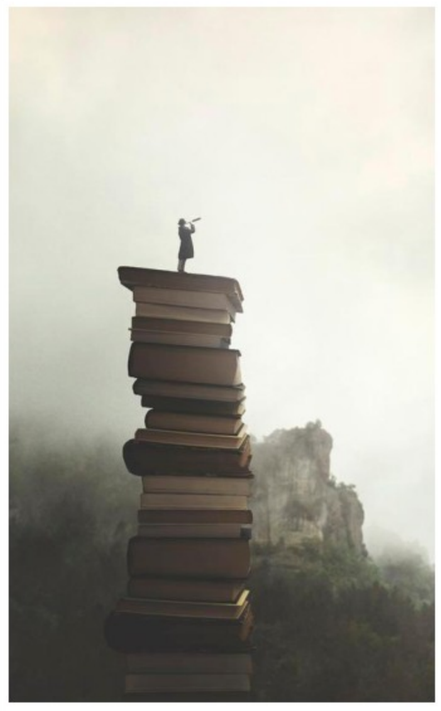
Sociology of the concept

The concept of gaslighting is primarily considered to be psychological in nature. This highlights the importance of intimate relationships in the phenomenon, ignoring the gender-based inequalities that make it a common feature of domestic violence. Studies show how the sociological implications of the concept must be considered. Perpetrators of such abuse, use the already present structural inequalities and stereotypes, and institutional vulnerabilities to control their victims. A social environment is created that distorts the victim's sense of reality, autonomy, mobility, identity, and community, isolating them from society, completely dependent and at the mercy of the perpetrator. Placing the phenomenon in its cultural, structural, and institutional contexts we understand that while men can also experience abuse, the patriarchal structure that subjugates women, deprives them of the power to define a man's reality, making women more likely to be victimised. Until a woman manipulates society into believing that she is the victim, it becomes difficult for her to gaslight a man, and such an exception is shown in the movie *Gone Girl*, as the protagonist, Amy, personifies the act of gaslighting.

The act of gaslighting

So what could an act of gaslighting look like? X, a charming man, who has a way with words, pursues Y, a woman. In the "honeymoon" phase of their romantic relationship, he is well-dressed, and polite and showers her with gifts, flowers, and chocolates. He spends time with her and gains her trust. Once Y is comfortable with X, she starts sharing her problems, traumas, and vulnerabilities. He slowly starts using her vulnerabilities against her. If Y has ranted about her family and friends, X manipulates her into believing that they are not to be trusted. If she has any insecurities about herself, it is used to lower her self-esteem. X starts being secretive and controlling yet trapping her into believing that he loves Y, making sure that she is dependent on him. He starts disrespecting and mocking her or flirts with other women in front of her. When questions about this abusive behaviour come up, it is trivialised as he denies taking any responsibility for his actions. He instead turns the blame on Y for being overly sensitive or for being too insecure and jealous. Since he is charming and sweet to most people, Y starts believing that she is in fact thinking too much or making things up in her mind. Y's memory and rationality are put into question, making sure that she relies on X for everything. X takes complete charge of Y's life, behaviour, and personality, and can be compared to a puppet master, who pulls the strings on his puppets.

Gaslighting is a serious issue which can be difficult to recognise especially when one is involved in an intimate relationship. Moreover, it is possible for a person to get used to such behaviour from their partners, mistaking it for love. The movie *Darlings* is an interesting example that portrays stages of abuse – addiction towards the relationship, denial of abuse, dissolution, the difficulty in accepting reality and finally the recognition of one's role in gaslighting – through the course of the movie. Thus, the first step in abusive relationships is to become aware of one's own role in gaslighting, the ways in which one's behaviour, desires, and fantasies may lead to idealising the gaslighter and seeking their approval.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Sir, Mr. T. N. V. Parthasarathy of Tirupathi wants to know the difference between 'formal' and 'informal' contexts."

"Formal contexts are structured contexts. Certain conventions are observed in formal contexts. For example, if it is a public meeting, you expect some one to preside over it. There is a vote of thanks at the end of the meeting. The language used is slightly different from the language you use in private conversation. Certain words are used only on formal occasions. For example, words like 'endeavour', 'evince', 'felicitate', 'peruse' and 'acme'. Formal language is the language you find in textbooks, business letters, radio broadcasts, newspaper editorials and so on.

Informal contexts are contexts that are not structured. You are informal when you talk to your friend or members of your family. You use simple, plain language in informal contexts. Informal English is not sub-standard English. Informal English is marked by simple, plain, colloquial words. Contractions like 'can't', 'won't' are used more frequently in informal English. Formal language is rather distant and impersonal. Informal language is rather intimate and friendly. Discussing formal words, Fowler says in his Modem English usage: 'There are a large number of words differing from each other in almost all respects, but having this point in common, that they are not the plain English for what is meant, not the form that the mind uses in its private debates to convey to itself what it is talking about, but translations of these into language that is held more suitable for public exhibition.'"

"Sir, Mr. S. P. Sankaranarayanan of Bombay wants to know whether the word 'proud' is used in a technical sense to mean 'side clearance or gap'."

"I have not seen it used in that sense. I don't know whether it is used in that sense in any field. In addition to its usual meaning, 'proud' is also used to mean 'projecting slightly from a surrounding surface'. 'Proud flesh' is flesh that forms on the surface of a healing wound. This is a term that is used in medicine."

"Sir, Mr. T. S. Kannan of Idappadi wants to know whether the word 'gent' is used to mean 'a gentleman'."

"It is used generally by uneducated people. Occasionally it is used in a pejorative sense. 'He is a gent' means that he is one who tries 'to ape the gentleman'. The plural 'gents' is used in shops to mean 'men'. Gents' hairdressers, Gents' tailor. Do you know what 'the Gents' means?"

"No, Sir."

" 'The Gents' is a public toilet for men. It is used in informal contexts. The 'g' in this expression is capitalised. Let's stop here for the day. Good bye."

"Thank you, Sir. Good bye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

National Press Day is observed in India every year on November 16. Here is a quiz on the history of the press in India

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

This is the oldest continuously published newspaper in India. First published in July 1822, the newspaper played a very important role during India's struggle for independence. A postage stamp of the newspaper was recently released. Name the newspaper. On what occasion was the stamp released?

QUESTION 2

This Act was enacted to curtail the freedom of the Indian press and prevent the expression of criticism toward British policies. After this Act was passed, this newspaper began publishing in English too. It is often said the Act was passed mainly against this paper. Name the Act and the newspaper.

QUESTION 3

Identify this Tamil language newspaper that was published from 1882 to 1985. It was founded by an Indian journalist who founded one of the leading English newspapers in India today.

QUESTION 4

This is a vernacular newspaper started on the lines of Mahatma Gandhi's *Harijan*. The weekly never published a single advertisement or generated any ad revenue, surviving these years on subscription from its readers alone. His daughter, a well-known journalist, was shot dead outside her home. Name the weekly, and its founder.

QUESTION 5

Identify the Government of India statutory body of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, which was established on the recommendation of the First Press Commission, by amending the 1867 Act.

Visual question:

Identify this person who was a part of the managing committee of an English daily started in 1924. He bought the paper by taking a loan. Name the daily.

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This inventor used multiple materials for the most important component in this invention before using carbonised cotton filament. **Ans: Thomas Alva Edison and the incandescent electric lightbulb.**
2. This is the brainchild of Garrett Morgan and Percy Shaw. **Ans: Three-position traffic signal and 'Cat's Eyes' (reflective road stud) respectively**
3. This stationery item was patented by a company called Cushman and trademarked as Gem. **Ans: Wire paper clips**
4. The 'Brannock' device measures this. **Ans: Feet size for footwear**
5. Joseph Friedman invented this in relation to juice/shakes. **Ans: Bendable straw**
6. These two inventions have made personal commercial transactions easier. **Ans: ATM and PIN**
7. This kitchen convenience was invented by Percy Spencer. **Ans: Microwave oven**
Visual: This genius was responsible for the greatest invention of the 20th century. **Ans: Tim Berners-Lee, the computer scientist behind the World Wide Web**

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Word of the day

Evince:
give expression to

Synonyms: express, show

Usage:
She evinced her disappointment quite clearly.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/evincepro

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Bengaluru's 25-year journey to being an IT hub

Under 'Beyond Bangalore' initiative, Karnataka is developing tech clusters in many tier 2 and 3 cities, says B.V. Naidu, the first director of STPI-Bangalore in 1991

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

The Software Parks of India, Bangalore, facility at Electronics City in 1991. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

It was in the year 1998, when Bengaluru had shed its sobriquets such as "Garden City" and Pensioners' Paradise" and came to be better known for its IT industries and BPOs, that the State came to have the annual exposition Bangalore IT-.Com. The event may have played a key role in proclaiming its IT prowess to the world. The event, now rechristened the Bengaluru Tech Summit, has turned 25.

Karnataka's tech business had a humble beginning. In 1991-92, its software exports were a mere ₹16 crore contributed by 13 companies, employing less than 2,000 people. A year later, it was ₹22 crore and in 1993-94 the State's software exports were ₹56 crore. Within the next five years, in 1999, the State's software exports crossed ₹3,500 crore. And, since then, there was no looking back and in 2022 State's over 1,400 IT firms that employ over 4 million people exported software worth ₹6,30,000 crore, close to 40% of the country's total exports.

"No one imagined something that begun in such a modest way would emerge as a gigantic industry that changed everything not only for Bengaluru and Karnataka but also for the entire country and for the whole world as well to an extent," said B.V. Naidu, the first director of Software Parks of India (STPI-Bangalore) in 1991. He anchored the very first edition of Bangalore IT.Com in 1998, which got its new name in 2008.

According to him, the last 30 years of the IT industry in Bengaluru has seen different phases. Growth between 1992 and 2000 was mostly through outsourcing of services on a time and material basis, but instead of predominantly onsite, many of the projects started moving offshore. The Y2K problem was a boon to the growth of the offshore industry. Quantum tech growth happened under Software Technology Park Scheme and the opening of the telecom sector and the expansion of dedicated communication infrastructure set up by the Department of Electronics for Software Export companies came as a real facilitator. Karnataka had its maiden IT policy in 1997 and also started an IT Department.

Between 2001 and 2010, the State's software exports grew from ₹6,500 crore to ₹90,000 crore. During this period, the offshore model matured and it started getting better acceptance in the West, said Mr. Naidu. This period attracted many IT MNCs, Fortune 500 companies, Semicon Design houses, as well as financial sector backend processing etc. to Bengaluru.

From 2011 to now, it has been expansion of the industry, and the emergence of the start-up economy. Unable to accommodate any more growth in the city, the State government is currently in the process of expanding the tech-driven industries across the State through Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), a PPP outfit. "Under its 'Beyond Bangalore' initiative, Karnataka is now developing tech clusters in many tier-2 and 3 cities including Mysuru, Hubballi/Dharwad, Belagavi, and Mangaluru," added Mr. Naidu, who is chairman of KDEM.

Seminar on role of media

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka Media Academy on the occasion of National Press Day will hold a seminar on the role of media in nation building. at Bangalore Press Club, Cubbon Park, from 12 noon.

PM to inaugurate tech summit 2022 today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 25th edition of Asia's largest technology event, the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2022 (BTS 2022), is all set to start here on Wednesday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the event virtually.

The silver jubilee edition of the tech event is being held with the theme 'Tech4NexGen'. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Electronics, IT, BT and S&T and Higher Education, on Tuesday inspected the preparations for the event at iconic the Bangalore Palace.

Over 12 start-ups from Bengaluru that have emerged as unicorns in the last year will be recognised with the 'Bengaluru Impact' Award.

International exhibition is the mega highlight of the event with over 550 exhibitors. Around 50,000 visitors are expected at the expo. ITE & Biotech Majors like Robert Bosch, Kyndryl, Shell, Builder AI, PayTM, Zoho, Micron, ACT, Cash Free, Razorpay, Biocon, Accenture, Aurigene, Intel and Finisia among others are participating in the exposition.

The start-up pavilion will have 330 exhibitors across sectors. The international pavilion consists of Canada, Netherlands, Germany, Australia, U.K., South Korea, and Denmark among others, said organisers.

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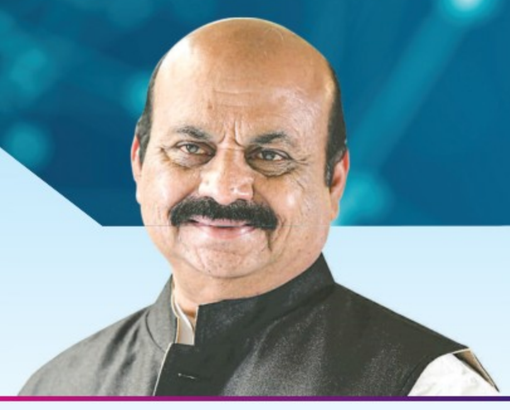

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Death of 66 children in Gambia has brought unimaginable shame to India: Murthy

The Infosys founder was delivering the opening address to announce the Infosys Prize 2022 which is given by Infosys Science Foundation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Infosys founder N.R. Narayana Murthy on Tuesday said that the death of 66 children in Gambia due to a India-made cough syrup has brought unimaginable shame to the country and also dented the credibility of the country's pharmaceutical regulatory agency.

Mr. Murthy, while delivering the opening address to announce the Infosys Prize 2022 which is given by Infosys Science Foundation, said: "The death of 66 children in Gambia has brought unimaginable shame to our country and has dented the credibility of our pharmaceutical regulatory agency."

Mr. Murthy also said that though the country has had a healthy run in scientific and technological progress in the last 20 years, there were still a few challenges.

Infosys founder N.R. Narayana Murthy speaking at the Infosys Science Foundation event on Tuesday. AFP

Global ranking

"There is still not a single Indian Institution of higher learning in the top 250 of the World global ranking that was announced in 2022. Even the vaccines we have produced are either based on technologies from other advanced countries or based on research from the developed world. We have still not produced a vaccine for dengue and chikungunya which have been ravaging us for the last 70 years. I can say with authority because I am involved with a project for finding a vaccine for dengue," said Mr. Murthy who is also the trustee of the Infosys Science Foundation.

'Money not primary'

He also said that money is not the primary resource for success in invention and innovation. "How else can you explain the success of east European countries in mathematics?" he said.

Critical components

He said that there are two other critical components for success in research.

"The first is to reorient our teaching in schools and colleges towards questioning and relating what they learn in the classroom to the real world problems around them. Even our IITs have become victims of this syndrome thanks to the tyranny of coaching classes. The second step is for our researchers to focus on solving our immediate problems and such a mindset, in my opinion, will inevitably lead to solving bigger challenges," he said.

Infosys Prize 2022 winners

The following are the winners of the Infosys Prize 2022 announced by Infosys Science Foundation on Tuesday.

Engineering and Computer Science

SUMAN CHAKRABORTY, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, and Dean of Research and Development, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, won the award for his work in elucidating the interaction of fluid mechanics, interfacial phenomena, and electro-mechanics at the micro- and nano scale.

Humanities

SUDHIR KRISHNASWAMY, Vice Chancellor, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, won the award for his insightful understanding of the Indian Constitution, especially his carefully argued account of the importance of the landmark 'basic structure doctrine' adopted by the Supreme Court in 1973 that guides and constrains various efforts to amend the Constitution, while also ensuring its stability in the face of executive and legislative outcomes in political life.

Life Sciences

VIDITA VAIDYA, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Biological Sciences, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, won the award for her contribution to understanding brain mechanisms that underlie mood disorders, such as anxiety and depression, including signals engaged by the neurotransmitter serotonin in causing persistent changes in behaviour induced by early life stress, and the role of serotonin in energy regulation in brain cells.

Mathematical Sciences

MAHESH KAKDE, Professor of Mathematics, Indian Institute of Science, won the award for contributions to algebraic number theory. His work on the non-commutative Iwasawa main conjecture, his work on the Gross-Stark conjecture (with Samit Dasgupta and Kevin Ventullo), and his work on the Brumer-Stark conjecture (with Samit Dasgupta), resolves outstanding conjectures at the heart of modern number theory.

Physical Sciences

NISSIM KANEKAR, Professor, National Centre for Radio Astronomy, Pune, won the award for his study of galaxies in an era in which stars were being formed at a maximum rate — the so-called 'high noon' period.

Social Sciences

ROHINI PANDE, Henry J. Heinz II Professor of Economics and Director, Economic Growth Center, Yale University, won the award for her outstanding research on subjects of key importance, including governance and accountability, women's empowerment, the role of credit in the lives of the poor, and the environment.

HC allows completion of skywalk on Mysuru road, dismisses BBMP's appeal

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike ((BBMP) and other agencies of the State government are now required to allow a developer to complete a skywalk near satellite bus station on Mysuru road without causing any obstruction as a Division Bench of the High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday dismissed an appeal filed by the BBMP.

The BBMP had questioned a single judge's June 2022 order of setting aside the civic body's January 2020 decision of cancelling the permission, granted in 2018-19 to M/s Shakti Developers Pvt. Ltd. to construct the skywalk on design, build, finance, operate and transfer (DBFOT) for a period of 30 years, for not completing the skywalk within the specified period.

The BBMP, before the Division Bench, had contended that there is no need for another skywalk, which was nearing completion, as there exists one nearby.

Can't blow hot and cold: High Court

However, the Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B.Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi passed the order while observing that the BBMP cannot blow hot and cold on requirement of another skywalk on the busy Mysuru road when the study by the civic body had pointed out the need of two skywalks near satellite bus station. The Division Bench did not see any merit in the BBMP's appeal.

'BBMP not affected'

The single judge had said that the BBMP was not affected commercially due to delay in completion but the delay is going to eat the profit to be made by the builder as it is on DBFOT for 30 years.

Moreover, the single judge, on perusing records, had found that there was no fault or delay on the part of the builder but all the cases for the delay was due to BBMP's white topping of the Mysuru road stretch, objection raised by the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation for the location, etc.

Three of a gang held for robbing ASI's family at gunpoint

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Chickballapura police on Tuesday arrested a gang of three men who robbed the house of an Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) and fired at his son for resisting them on November 9.

The accused have been identified as Mohammed Arif, 35, employee of a bakery in Uttar Pradesh, his associates Jamsheed Khan, 27, a carpenter by profession and a resident of U.P., and Pathan Mohammed Haris Khan, a mobile technician from Andhra Pradesh.

Articles recovered

The police also recovered four country-made pistols with 49 rounds of ammunition, cash of ₹3.4 lakh, 72 grams of gold valuables and silver articles, and a car that the accused used to commit the offence.

On the day of the incident, the accused barged into the house of ASI Narayanaswamy, held his wife and daughter-in-law hostage and pushed him out of the house.

When Sharath, son of Narayanaswamy, tried to rescue his mother and wife, the accused fired at him and escaped with the valuables.

Sharath was rushed to a district hospital later and is said to be critical. Considering the magnitude of the case, five special teams were formed to track down the accused.

The police have booked the accused under robbery, attempt to murder, and also under various sections of the Arms Act.

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27°C The weather will be dry. Day will be comfortable but humid. Night will be slight cool.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C A dry weather to continue. Day will be comfortable but humid weather to prevail. Night will be cool.

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Two arrested for theft

The Hindu Bureau
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The High grounds police on Tuesday arrested two people and recovered stolen valuables worth ₹5 lakh from them. Maqsood Khan and his associate Faraaz Ahmed burgled a milk booth and a house and escaped with gold valuables and mobile phones.

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Last date for submission of bid: 29.11.2022 Up to 4.00 PM

Sl. No.	NAME OF WORK
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CORRIGENDUM

Adverting to BESCOM notification no.:BESCOM/GM(DSM)/BC-51/KUSUM-C/2022-23, dtd:09.11.2022, the scheduled date of events notified in Request For Proposal (RFP)for "Selection of Solar Power Generators (SPGs) on the basis of Build, Own & Operate (BOO), for Design, Survey, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Operation & Maintenance of grid connected distributed solar power plants for solarization of selected Agri feeders at Sub-Station (SS) level in BESCOM jurisdiction covering 2,62,331 IP sets, its associated 11kV line to connect the plant with concerned SS and Remote Monitoring System (RMS) of solar power plants through RESCO mode, for 25 years under Component C-Feeder Level Solarization of PM-KUSUM scheme",is herewith postponed due to technical reasons.Any amendments & updates will be notified in BESCOM website **https://bescom.karnataka.gov.in/.** For more details, please contact BESCOM solar helpdesk:080-2234 0816.

***Sd/-* General Manager(Ele,) DSM, BESCOM, Bengaluru.**

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INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) (SHORT TERM) KW-3

e-Tender Notification Letter No: 2740 Date: 10.10.2022

1. The Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Sirasi invites tenders from eligible tenderers, for the construction of works detailed in the Table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the Table. **The price tender which will be opened only if the Tenderer is found to be qualified to execute the tendered works. The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. (26.03.2021)** (2) Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam** under login for Contractors: (3) Tenders must be accompanied by EMD Declaration form Proforma attached (4) Tenders must be electronically submitted (on-line through internet) with in the date and time published in e-procurement portal. The technical bid will be opened after prescribed time and date in the eprocurement portal, in the presence of the Tenderers who wish to attend at the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Department, SIRSI Division. (5) Other details can be seen in the tender documents

(Total 1 Work)

(1) Last date and time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **21.11.2022 up to 16.00.00** (2) Last Date and Time for receipt of tenders: **22.11.2022 up to 16.00.00** (3) Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid: **23.11.2022 @ 16.30.00** (4) Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid: **25.11.2022 @ 16.00.00**

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IN THE COURT OF THE LXXIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE-CCH-74
O.S. NO. 25008 OF 2022
Plaintiff
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.,
Having its Regd. Off at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068. Reptd by its Manager: Sri Pramodh. G. S/o. Gurumallappa B.
Defendant :
Mr. Mohammed Aziz Abdulgani, S/o. Nabeel Abdul Gani, Aged about 38 years, Residing at No. 26, Haines Road, Near Ameen House, Pulkeshi Nagar, Bangalore - 560 051.
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs.6,04,623/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Four Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Three Only) together with future interest at 11.25% P.A. You are hereby summoned to appear in the Court of the LXXIII Addl. City Civil Judge at Bangalore- CCH-74 in person or by pleader on the 17th day of December, 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
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By Order of the Hon. Court, Dy. Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo hall unit, Bangalore.
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IN THE COURT OF LXVII ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH- 68)
O.S. NO. 4066 OF 2020
Hg: 16/12/2022
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Plaintiff :
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Defendant :
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Flexibility sought in WFH guidelines for companies in special economic zones

While welcoming the notification from the Ministry of Commerce to extend the duration of remote-working for units in these zones, organisations seek greater leeway in planning their workforce's return to office

Liffy Thomas

NextGen Healthcare's office at Ecospace Business Park in Bengaluru is spacious, well-lit, elaborately-furnished and aesthetic to boot. The beauty derives as much from a kind thought as it does from design. The walls of the office are adorned by paintings done by its employees. There is also a breakout area, which is unlikely to be used by these employees ever again.

NextGen Healthcare is all set to give up this office at the special economic zone (SEZ). The decision to vacate the space follows a notification from the Ministry of Commerce concerning Work From Home (WFH) for units in any SEZ.

According to the notification, a company operating from any SEZ can continue with the WFH arrangement for a maximum period of one year, offering this option to 50 per cent of its workforce, including contractual employees. The Development Commissioner of SEZs can use their discretion to approve a higher number of employees (more than 50%) for WFH based on a bonafide reason, which has to be set down in writing.

NextGen Healthcare had switched to a fully-remote working model following the pandemic, and it has decided to stick to it – at least for some more time.

Our pulse surveys have shown employees are not keen on working from office as of now and it is based on their decision and the trust that we have in them that we let go of our office space at the SEZ, say Yasmeen Shaikh, vice-president, Human Resources India and Chandradip Dass, managing director and senior vice-president (R&D), NextGen Healthcare.

In Chennai, an American multinational company with multiple offices, has started consolidating its space, dropping a few addresses in the process, and asking employees to either work from office or adopt a hybrid model that is also on offer.

One who heads a distributed team of 70, straddling cities, Nithya V notes that following the pandemic, there is a tacit understanding that companies would be more empathetic towards the challenges and needs of employees. In keeping with this thinking, the company is not forcing the switch to work-from-office, but making the transition as palatable and organic as possible.

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"We all have largely been working from home, but from next month, those in the base location and new joinees will be working from office for two or three days a week. This will be gradually followed by those from other locations," says Nithya.

Nithya observes that when online collaboration does not quite deliver the results and a flexible work model throws up more challenges than it solves when offered to some employees, companies may have to adopt a hard stance in this matter.

"Hybrid working is hard," says Nithya, adding that it however might be necessary in some cases.

Nithya notes that those struggling to meet their deliverables functioning in the WFH format have been asked to work from office twice or thrice a week.

Simplifying WFH

NASSCOM has tried to put across its views in this matter to the Ministry of Commerce, particularly the procedural challenges resulting from acting on this notification.

"The industry needs more time and flexibility to implement WFH and there is a need to avoid different interpretations in different SEZs on the requirements under the notification.

"The government has been very supportive and they are looking into addressing the issues so that the industry has adequate time and flexibility and the hybrid work model can evolve organically," says Ashish Aggarwal, vice-president, public policy, NASSCOM.

"While we observe a high percentage of remote working today, the industry is yet to settle into what the new normal of the hybrid work model will be in future. The industry continues to be in a growth mode and even with the hybrid model there is a need for more office space. We see industry's interest growing in tier 2 and 3 cities and this is a win-win in the context of a distributed workforce."

A programme to engage male employees as allies in promoting gender justice

Golden Tie, a programme by multinational financial services company Wells Fargo, where male technology employees take centre stage as gender advocates in the workplace, is entering its second edition.

A voluntary programme, Golden Tie is essentially a response to the questions women in technology grapple with inevitably, says a communication from Wells Fargo.

"Women mentors and support groups are great, but with the majority of the workforce and leadership being male, that is a huge support base to leave untapped. Change cannot be effected very easily without men also becoming allies," the communication underlines the thinking that led to the launch of the Golden Tie.

"It creates safe, non-judgmental spaces for men to have difficult conversations about bias, with the aim of reframing ideas and thoughts through guided interactions. It is organised as a series of volunteer groups, called pods, with about seven to 10 people, committed to meet for a minimum of at least six sessions. The pods mainly target male participation. The largely male groups (with at least one woman to provide the other view) have self-directed conversations about many issues, which help build inclusion awareness, identify and rethink bias. They are also encouraged to think about the many small or big ways they can become advocates or allies, even if it is something simple like just talking about or recognising how things might look like from a woman's point of view."

The communication from Wells Fargo notes that in India, 24 pods were held in the first edition. The second edition of Golden Tie, which is under way, has so far witnessed a little over 100 people enrolling across eleven pods, the communication says.

Topics discussed

The programme is about discussing and examining conventional ideas and "accepted" viewpoints about gender. Some of the topics in the past are "women and emotion", "maternity leave" and "women actively participating (having a voice)". Other notable topics include "I am afraid of giving candid feedback to a woman team member".

Those who take part in a pod are expected to later lead other pods, thus widening the network.

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INBRIEF

HAL hands over last of 16 choppers to Coast Guard

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) on Tuesday handed over the last of the 16 Advanced Light Helicopters-ALH (Mk-III, Maritime role) to the Indian Coast Guard. The Coast Guard had signed a contract with HAL for supply of 16 helicopters in March 2017.

"We are proud to be associated with HAL and happy to issue a Letter of Intent (LoI) for nine more helicopters. Despite COVID-19, HAL delivered all the helicopters at the shortest time with seamless production activities and this allows us to strengthen India's Maritime security," said DG Coast Guard V.S. Pathania.

State signs MoU with CEGIS for effective governance

The Government of Karnataka entered a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre for Effective Governance of Indian States (CEGIS) on Tuesday in Bengaluru in the presence of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Under the MoU, CEGIS has proposed to provide technical, analytical, and programmatic support in areas such as enhancement of State revenue including competency mapping and training of frontline tax officials, designing a strategy for improving administrative data quality and data use for Education, Health, and Women and Child Development Departments, said a release.

"This partnership will help clean up and synchronize many kinds of administrative data that exist for ensuring more effective good governance," added the release.

No final call yet on colour coding of Viveka classrooms, says B.C. Nagesh

Minister says that they are ready to paint classrooms saffron if it 'aids learning process'; Cong. demands that govt. prioritise academic issues instead

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The government is yet to issue any circular related to choice of colour for Viveka classrooms in government schools, said Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh on Tuesday, but asserted that the government was ready to paint them saffron if experts felt it "aides the learning process."

Amidst the brewing controversy over government's choice of colour for newly-built classrooms, speaking to mediapersons in Bengaluru, the Minister said no final decision had been taken at the department level on issues like architecture and colour coding of the proposed Viveka classrooms. Zilla Panchayat CEOs had been given full power to take a call on these issues, he said.

Students at a Government Kannada Model Primary School in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

Photos of Vivekananda

The Minister also said that the government had decided to place photos of Vivekananda in all the schools. However, the model of photo to be displayed would be decided upon soon, he said.

On Congress objecting to painting classrooms saffron, the Minister said, "Congress that had indulged in politics earlier over hijab is now trying to make similar efforts now regarding Viveka classrooms."

Stating that Vivekananda should be a model for enriching knowledge, he said it was for this particular reason that the government had decided to build 7,601 classrooms in government schools under the brand 'Viveka'.

Congress' Twitter queries

Meanwhile, the Congress continued its criticism on the government's priorities in school education, in a series of tongue-in-cheek tweets with the hashtag "#CMUncle."

Taking note of school students in Udupi district resorting to sharmadhaan on Children's Day to fill up potholes and to make the road leading to their school motorable, the Congress said students would be able to even see the colour of the school building only if they are able to reach the school.

In another tweet, INC Karnataka asked, "CM uncle, how can girl students come to schools when there are no toilets? PM uncle says beti bachao, beti padao. But in Karnataka, beti has neither been protected nor is there supporting infrastructure for her to focus on her studies. Colour does not matter, but get us toilets."

Yet another tweet read, "CM uncle, why are both government and private schools yet to get complete sets of textbooks though half the academic year is over. Should we come to school to see the paint or learn lessons?"

The party also took on the Chief Minister on the State crashing to 14th place on the education index and SC/ST students not getting scholarships.

The BJP leaders should first paint their homes and cars saffron before thinking of saffron painting the Viveka classrooms, suggested one more tweet from INC Karnataka.

Congress extends deadline for aspirants to file applications for 2023 Assembly election ticket

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Principal Opposition Congress has extended the deadline for ticket aspirants to file applications for the 2023 Assembly election tickets from November 15 to 21.

The Congress had introduced the system of inviting formal applications from the aspirants for its tickets this time and set Tuesday as the deadline.

However, a release by Congress State President D.K. Shivakumar said that the deadline was being extended following requests from ticket aspirants from various parts of the State and also those from other parties who wanted to join the Congress.

Siddaramaiah

D.K. Shivakumar

Siddaramaiah's choice

The political circles were curious to know the choice of constituency of Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, who has indicated that Kolar is also on his radar. However, Mr. Siddaramaiah did not file his application on Tuesday.

Those aspiring for Congress tickets are to deposit a demand draft of ₹2 lakh while applying.

Candidates from SC/ST communities will have a 50% discount in the amount to be deposited as demand draft. The funds collected will be used for the construction of a new party building, and as expenses for party advertisement ahead of the Assembly elections, Mr. Shivakumar had earlier announced.

Siddaramaiah, DKS to tour in two teams soon

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah announced in Mysuru that he and KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar will tour separately across the State highlighting the BJP government's failures soon. Some senior State party leaders will accompany each of them and the itinerary will be soon finalised. "All constituencies will be toured by us in the run-up to the elections," he said.

'KCOCA can be invoked for acting individually for a crime syndicate'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Even if an accused has acted individually for a crime syndicate, he could be punished for the offences under the Karnataka Control of Organised Crimes Act (KCOCA), 2000, the High Court of Karnataka has said while declining grant bail to an alleged associate of gangster Bannanje Raja facing the charges under the Act.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed order while dismissing a petition filed by Shahi Poojari alias 'Shadow', who has been accused of threatening to kill a Udupi-based businessman and his son in 2019 if they do not pay money as demanded.

"The definition of 'organised crime syndicate' and 'organised crime' under the KCOCA clearly brings out offences by the syndicate and offences by the individual who is a part of the syndicate.

Therefore if it is construed that the petitioner has committed certain offences being a part of the crime syndicate, he is also open to those allegations which make the offences punishable under the Act," the High Court said while observing, "if the petitioner has acted individually for the crime syndicate, even then he could be punished for the offences under the KCOCA." It was contended on behalf of the petitioner that he had nothing to do with the alleged crime and the investigation officer had deliberately invoked KCOCA against him to deny him bail.

On the other hand, the prosecution said that the petitioner too had indulged in several extortion cases and call details established his links with other accused, including Bannanje Raja, the prime accused in the case.

From the charge sheet, the HC noted that that petitioner's brother, Ravichandra Poojari, who is also accused in the case, was using a SIM card registered in the petitioner's name, from inside the jail, and the petitioner had met Bannanje Raja on several occasions, including at the time when the latter was lodged in the prison.

State Curriculum Framework to come out by month-end in tune with NEP

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka will come out with the State Curriculum Framework (SCF) in accordance with the National Education Policy by the end of this month, Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh said on Tuesday.

Speaking to mediapersons in Bengaluru, the Minister pointed out that the Centre had already published the National Educational Curriculum in tune with the new education policy.

The State would appoint a committee of experts to come out with a similar framework, he said. Based on the report of the experts' committee, the SCF would be finalised and published, he explained.

Co-ordination between departments

He said a committee had been formed to bring about co-ordination between Education and Women & Child Development Departments and IAS officer M.T. Reju had been appointed as convenor of the committee.

According to him, the BJP government is laying emphasis on development of infrastructure in the education sector. While 8,000 classrooms had been built in the first three years of the BJP rule, another 8,000 would be built before the term of the present dispensation comes to an end, he said.

Teacher recruitments

To a query, he said an entrance exam had been conducted for recruitment to the posts of 15,000 high school students.

The government was expecting that it would get at least 11,000 to 12,000 eligible candidates, he said.

The Minister said the government had also given importance to rectifying the errors in the property documents of government schools and also clearing encroachments of these lands. Of the total 8,000 such incidents, about 3,000 had been resolved, he noted.

Children must be 6 years to enrol in Class 1 from 2025-26

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Children must have completed 6 years by June 1 to enrol for Class 1 in State schools from the 2025-26 academic year, said the Department of School Education and Literacy, which issued the revised order on the age limit for school admission on Tuesday.

Earlier, the department had ordered that it will be applicable from the academic year of 2023-24. Following the grievances submitted by several parents and considering the interest of the children, the department relaxed the implementation for two years.

Govt. begins tendering process to avoid delay in supply of textbooks

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The Department of School Education and Literacy is planning to distribute textbooks and uniforms to schoolchildren in June when the 2023-24 academic year begins.

The department has already floated tenders for textbooks and uniforms and around the first week of January 2023, work orders will be issued for printing textbooks and supplying uniforms.

This year, after six months of the schools opening, around 1,826 private schools are yet to get any textbooks.

Delay in uniforms too

And the distribution of the first set of uniforms in government and aided schools is also pending in six districts. Delay in tendering and issuing of the work order is the main reason for these issues.

To avoid a similar shortage of textbooks and other glitches in the supply of books next year, the department is requesting all the State syllabus private schools to make 10% of payment in advance, so that they can go ahead with printing on time.

Even six months after the begining of this academic year, 1,826 private schools are yet to get any textbooks. FILE PHOTO

This year, the department has got a total of 6.36 crore books in 499 titles indent from all the State syllabus government, aided and private schools across the state.

90 days

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Dr. Vishal R., Commissioner for Department of Public Instruction said, "We plan to distribute textbooks and uniforms to schoolchildren very early for the 2023-24 academic year. To avoid all delays, we have already started the tendering process."

"The tender will be finalised around December third or fourth week. After taking the Minister's consent, we will issue work orders for printing textbooks and supplying uniforms around the first or second week of January, 2023. The printing of textbooks and supplying uniforms will take 90 days. We expect the textbooks and uniforms around the month of April or May. We will start to distribute these to students in the month of June," the commissioner said.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

2nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY

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The General Public is hereby informed that my client MR. JAGDISH NARASIMHAN JOIS, aged about 64 years, son of late S Narasimhan, presently residing at MBM Mandeville, Flat 306, 4th Main Road, JP Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru 560078, have lost /misplaced the Original Powers of Attorney, as detailed below, executed by my siblings in favour of my sister, Mrs. N. Purnima, daughter of late S Narasimhan and wife of Mr. Mahadevan Iyer, then residing at 398, 13th Cross, Upper Palace Orchards, Sadashivnagar, Bengaluru 560 080, for the purpose of executing and registering a Partition Deed dated 7th June 2002 registered as Document No. 927/2002-03, Book I, at pages 1 to 25 at the office of Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bangalore in respect of the Schedule Property and other properties and the same is not traceable till date.

Lost Documents: Four (4) Powers of Attorney (executed in May 2002) are described below:

a. GPA of Shri. N. Shankar, S/o. Late S. Narasimhan in favor of Smt. N. Purnima, W/o. Shri. Mahadevan Iyer

b. GPA of Shri. Jagdish Narasimhan Jois, S/o. Late S. Narasimhan in favor of Smt. N. Purnima W/o. Shri. Mahadevan Iyer

c. GPA of Smt. N. Srilaxmi, D/o Late S. Narasimhan in favor of Smt. N. Purnima, W/o. Shri. Mahadevan Iyer

d. GPA of Shri. N. Rangaraj, S/o Late S. Narasimhan in favour of Smt. N. Purnima, W/o. Shri. Mahadevan Iyer

A police complaint was filed at the Vyalikaval Police Station, Bengaluru on 15th November 2022 in this regard.

Any person in possession of the above referred original documents may kindly handover the same to the undersigned.

Except Mr. Jagdish Narasimhan Jois, no other person/s has/have any share, right, title, interest and ownership over the Schedule Property.

Any person or persons dealing with the Schedule Property other than my client above named shall be doing so at their own risk, cost and consequence.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property comprising of the Residential Site bearing Old No.1150, present New No.11, situated at 24th A Main Road, Block No.IV T in Jayanagar Extension Bengaluru, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, presently bearing PID No. 58-22-11 issued by BBMP, measuring East to West: 90 feet and North to South: 45 feet and same is bounded as follows :

East by : Site No.1169
West by : Road
North by : Site No.1151
South by : Site No.1149.

Along with old building having a built up area of 1543 square feet.

Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038
Place: Bengaluru Date: 16.11.2022

Veteran Telugu actor Krishna passes away

Sangeetha Devi Dundoo
R. Ravikanth Reddy
HYDERABAD

Krishna Ghattamaneni

Krishna Ghattamaneni, fondly referred to as 'Superstar' Krishna by legions of Telugu cinema viewers, breathed his last at 4.10 a.m. on Tuesday.

He was being treated at Continental Hospitals in Hyderabad, following a cardiac arrest. He was 79 and is survived by a son and actor Mahesh Babu, and daughters Padmavati, Manjula, and Priyadarshini.

Krishna's passing comes barely weeks after the demise of his first wife, Indira Devi, on September 28, 2022. His second wife, Vijaya Nirmala, passed away in 2019. His eldest son Ramesh Babu too is no more.

Condolences have been pouring in from film personalities across the country, political dignitaries, and millions of fans.

More than five decades

The veteran actor was born on May 31, 1943, in Burripalem in Guntur district in the erstwhile Madras Presidency and present-day Andhra Pradesh. His career, which spanned more than five decades, had him starring in more than 350 films across genres.

Nicknamed 'Daring and Dashing Hero', he was a pioneer in experiments and adopting emerging technologies. The first cinema-scope Telugu film was the award-winning *Alluri Seetharama Raju*, while he also produced and directed the first 70mm film in Telugu, *Simhasanam*. He also introduced the style of cowboy movies in Telugu cinema. He was the swashbuckling Bond-like hero in several spy action thrillers such as *Gudachari 116*, *Agent Gopi* and *James Bond 777*. His admirers still refer to him as the James Bond of Telugu films.

Krishna's innings as the leading man began with the 1965 film *Thene Manasulu*. Krishna established Padmalaya Studios in 1971 and produced and distributed both Telugu and Hindi films. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2009.

The actor also had a stint in politics and was elected MP in 1989 from the Eluru constituency on Congress ticket. Influenced by Rajiv Gandhi and on his invitation, he joined the party.

Later, he withdrew from politics and confined himself to films.

T.N. to retrieve two stolen antique artefacts from U.S.

The Idol Wing police submit papers concerning two idols of the Viswanatha Swamy Temple; the idols, stolen 50 years ago from Tamil Nadu, are now in a museum in Los Angeles

R. Sivaraman
CHENNAI

Exact replica: The two stolen idols were replaced with fakes at the temple where they had been kept for safe keeping.

The Idol Wing CID of the Tamil Nadu Police have submitted papers to retrieve two antique idols that were stolen from a temple in Tiruvarur district 50 years ago, and which were recently traced to the United States of America.

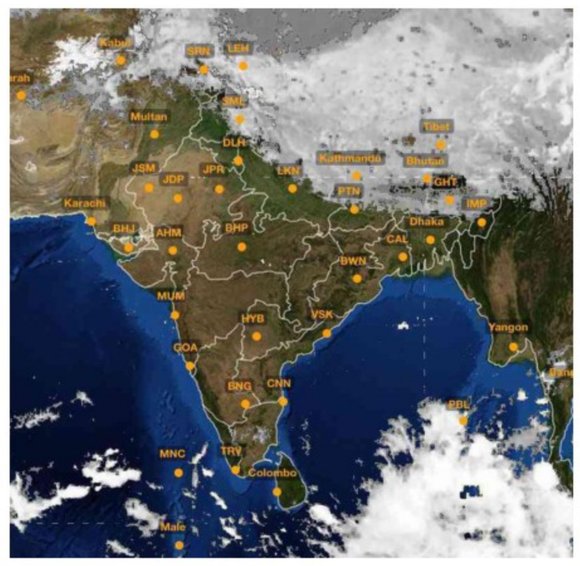
In 2017, a staff member of the Department of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE), Mannargudi, had lodged a complaint with the Vikrapandiyam police station in Tiruvarur district, alleging burglary of three antique metal idols – of Vishnu, Sridevi and Bhudevi, belonging to the Venugopala Swamy Temple, Alathur, Mannargudi Taluk that had been kept at the Viswanatha Swamy Temple for safe custody.

The Idol Wing, after some sustained investigation, eventually traced all the three idols to a museum in Los Angeles in the USA. The idols had been replaced with replicas.

The HR& CE Department became suspicious about some other idols that they had kept for safe custody at the Viswanatha Swamy temple. They requested the Idol Wing to check if these too, were replicas. The Idol Wing then traced other stolen antique idols: the Standing Vishnu to the Metropolitan Museum of Art , New York, USA and the Dancing Krishna to the website of Christie's, an auction house. Both idols had been stolen from the temple about 50 years ago.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Squally weather (wind speed 40-45 kmph gusting to 55 kmph) likely to prevail over south Andaman Sea & adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	30.6	17.5	Kozhikode	7	32.5	24.6
Ahmedabad	—	33.4	17.5	Kurnool	—	32.1	21.3
Aizawl	—	—	13.1	Lucknow	—	30.0	14.3
Allahabad	—	31.2	14.8	Madurai	3	31.8	23.3
Bengaluru	0.8	27.0	18.8	Mangaluru	10.8	30.8	22.8
Bhopal	—	—	13.2	Mumbai	—	35.1	21.6
Bhubaneswar	—	30.2	16.0	Mysuru	—	30.0	19.6
Chandigarh	0.2	29.2	14.1	New Delhi	—	29.5	15.4
Chennai	36	30.0	23.3	Patna	—	28.3	14.1
Coimbatore	0.3	30.4	21.2	Port Blair	0.4	29.5	25.2
Dehradun	—	26.8	11.9	Puducherry	5.4	29.8	21.8
Gangtok	—	17.6	10.2	Pune	—	31.3	17.3
Goa	—	33.4	23.8	Raipur	—	30.1	15.2
Guwahati	—	30.0	16.3	Ranchi	—	26.3	12.4
Hubballi	—	30.0	18.0	Shillong	—	20.4	10.6
Hyderabad	—	30.9	16.8	Shimla	3	16.0	6.1
Imphal	—	26.2	9.2	Srinagar	—	12.4	4.5
Jaipur	—	28.8	14.6	Thiruvananthapuram	41	31.4	23.5
Kochi	5	29.4	23.8	Tiruchi	—	31.3	23.0
Kohima	—	23.0	9.0	Vijayawada	—	31.4	22.0
Kolkata	—	29.4	18.6	Visakhapatnam	—	31.6	22.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	..—	128	...8	.....—	.....—	.....—
Bengaluru	...8	..18	.75	...128	98	.....
Chennai	...3	..46	.39	...146	98	.....
Delhi	.42	..92	.97	...247	...242	.....
Hyderabad	.18	..33	.69	...149	...134	.....
Kolkata	.24	..27	.33	...278	...175	.....
Lucknow	.14	..97	.41	...273	...201	.....
Mumbai	.91	201	111	...249	...153	.....
Pune	..—	..64	.67	.....—	.....—	.....—
Visakhapatnam	.26	..72	.28	...218	...202	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Siwan, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 430 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 22

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Governor seeks list of professors of KUFOS

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan has sought a list of professors who have put in at least 10 years of service at the Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) .

The Governor, sought the list after the Kerala High Court quashed the appointment of its Vice-Chancellor K. Riji John. He has also sought a report on the "status of the V-C" of the university.

Incidentally, the Governor had spared KUFOS while seeking lists from 10 State universities earlier. The list was sought after serving show-cause notices on the 10 V-Cs asking them to explain why their appointments shall not be declared *void ab initio* in the wake of the Supreme Court verdict in the case of the V-C of the APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University.

The status report and the list would be submitted to the Chancellor shortly, said KUFOS sources.

Elephant living in a poor condition: probe

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Representatives of the People for Ethical Treatment of Animals, after conducting a probe into the condition of the elephant Jeymalyatha at the Sriviliputhur Nachiyar Thirukovil in Tamil Nadu, said on Tuesday that the video gathered is proof that the elephant is in complete isolation, shackled in chains and controlled using weapons.

Repeating an earlier accusation, they said that Jeymalyatha can be seen with cuts on its legs from regular beatings and abuse. In February 2021, a video of Jeymalyatha being beaten by its mahouts surfaced.

In November 2011, Joymala, renamed Jeymalyatha, arrived in Tamil Nadu on a two-year lease but was never sent back.

According to PETA, the Tamil Nadu Forest Department asked the temple authorities to return Jeymalyatha but the State did not extend cooperation to facilitate this repatriation.

Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Shimoga.

SECTION 1-INVITATION FOR TENDERS KW-3&4

IFT No : 23/2022-23 **Date : 04.11.2022**

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Shimoga invites tenders in Standard Bid Document K/W-3&4 through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka, viz.,http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from eligible contractors for 03 works coming under Tarikere sub-division amounting from **Rs. 67.80 lakhs to Rs. 168.50 lakhs.** Period of downloading tender documents from e-procurement portal: From **09.11.2022 to 24.11.2022 upto 17:00hrs.** Tender opening date at **17:15 hrs on 25.11.2022.** Any other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the e-procurement website @ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in are final.

Sd/ Executive Engineer,
M.I & G.W.D. Division,
Shivamogga.

DIPR/SMG/No.97-11
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KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION
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No.: KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_ INDENT12609 **Date: 10.11.2022**

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited through GoK e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from contractors/agencies who are reputed individuals/ Company and having past experience for the work of **"Inspection & servicing of 125T EOT cranes gear boxes and other allied works at RTPS"**. EMD: **Rs. 76,600/-**. Last date for submission of completed bids(2 parts): **23.11.2022 @ 16:00 Hrs.** Opening the Technical Bid(Part 1): **24.11.2022 @ 16:30Hrs.** Opening the Financial Bid(Part 2): **25.11.2022 @16:30Hrs.** Further information if required can be obtained from office of the **Executive Engineer (Turbine Maintenance-1)KPCL, RTPS, Shakthinagar - 584170, Raichur District, Karnataka State.** Mobile No: **94495 96551.**

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Tender Notification
No. 28/2022-23 Dated- 14.11.2022

Item-rate tenders, for the work in No.2 North, Nelamangala & Devanahalli Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per e-procurement procedure.Tender Notification are Published for 03 works **(Rs. 3.30 and 150.00 Lakhs)** Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in E-procurement portal.
Eligible contractors interested in tendering for the work may apply for the tender through e-procurement.
1. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **Dated: 14.11.2022 onwards.**
2. Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 16:00 hours on dated **29.11.2022.**
3. The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on dated **30.11.2022 at 4.30 hours** or further date and time will be Intimate.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/3091/Zenkar/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Bagalkot
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No: EE/PRED/BGK/PB-1,2,3/Vivek/Tender/2022-23/3395 **Date:15. 11.2022**

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System)
(KW-3 Bid Document)

Tender Called for the Work in the above notification through E-mode tendering is read as below.

Item rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 STANDARD BID DOCUMENT KW-4 through Public electronic Tendering System (E-Tender from Class-1 contractor (Civil) registered in KPWD, Who have got adequate financial resources, State of Technology, Suitable Construction equipments technical man Power & Sufficient past Experience for the following Work as per Schedule Given Below.

Tender Called for ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ 2022–23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಿವೇಕ ಶಾಲಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾದ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಭೋದನಾ ಕೊಠಡಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣದ ಅನುದಾನ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾದ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ, ಬೀಳಗಿ, ಹುನಗುಂದ, ಬಾದಾಮಿ, ತೇರದಾಳ, ಮುಧೋಳ ಹಾಗೂ ಜಮಖಂಡಿ ವಿಧಾನ ಸಭಾ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ, ಬಾದಾಮಿ, ಗುಳೇದಗುಡ್ಡ, ಬೀಳಗಿ, ಹುನಗುಂದ, ಇಲಕಲ್ಲ, ಮುಧೋಳ, ಜಮಖಂಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ರಬಕವಿ ಬನಹಟ್ಟಿ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾದ ಶಾಲಾ ಕೊಠಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ

Scheme Under Work Indent No: 96150, 96151, 96145, 96147, 96149, 96152, 96153, 96155, 96178, 96181, 96184, 96195, 96168, 96170, 96171, 96154, 96156, 96158, 96159, 96177, & 96182 read as below.

Calendar of Events

1	Request of blank Tender Documents and receipt of Completed Technical & Financial Bid through e-procurement	Dt:15.11.2022 to 02.12.2022 at 5.30pm
2	Opening of Technical Bid Date	Dt:05.12.2022 at 11.00am
3	Opening of Financial Bid Date	Technical Bid Approved.

Note:-More details can be obtained through website http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the below signed Office during the office hours. Phone no: 08354-235042

SD/-Executive Engineer,
P.R.E. Division, Bagalkot

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ಸರ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಕಂಬಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 2213898, 2213888 website : www.hdmc.gov.in

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಯೋಜನೆ) ಕಛೇರಿ

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

(ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–4 ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ವಯ **ಸನ್ 2020–21** ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಮೂಲ **(General Basic Grant)** ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂದಾಜು ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. **172.00** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT140330 ನೇದ್ದರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ : **22/10/2022** ರಂದು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದಾಗಿ ಸದರಿ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್‌ನ್ನು ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸಿ ಅದೇ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. **DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT140874** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂದುವರೆಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಇಚ್ಛೆಯುಳ್ಳ PWD/ HDMC/ಇತರೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ 1ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ/ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ Work ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ದ್ವಿ–ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ (Two Electronic Tender System) ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ / ದಾಖಲೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲ ವಿಳಾಸ **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **16/11/2022** ರಿಂದ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

- ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 140874**/ ಟೆಂ.ಮೊ. ರೂ. **143.32** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು / ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊ. ರೂ. **2,14,982.00** ಅವಧಿ 06 ತಿಂಗಳು
- ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 135882**/CALL-2 ಟೆಂ.ಮೊ. ರೂ. **53.61** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು / ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊ. ರೂ. **1,07,220.00** ಅವಧಿ 06 ತಿಂಗಳು
- ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತು ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯ 3 ದಿನಗಳ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಲಿಖಿತವಾಗಿ ಇ–ಮೇಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ (projecthdmc1@gmail.com) ಅಥವಾ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಯೋಜನೆ) ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ತಡವಾಗಿ ಬಂದ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಗಣನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.
- ಸಂಭಾವ್ಯ ಬಿಡ್‌ದಾರರ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **22–11–2022** ರಂದು ಮುಂಜಾನೆ 11.30 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ
- ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **30–11–2022** ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ: 16.30:00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
- ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **01–12–2022** ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ: 16.35:00 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.
- ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **03–12–2022** ರಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು ಅಥವಾ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾದ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು (ಯೋಜನೆ)
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/747/2022–23

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No.: E.E.(JN)/DM/e-proc/08/2022-23 **Date: 14.11.2022**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TENDER
(Through GOK E-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Jayanagar Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below. **(Standard Tender Document)**

Sl. No.	Ward No	Approximate Value of Works (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)	No. of Works
Category: Others				
1	194	5.00 to 20.00	12,500/- to 50,000/-	7
2	195	5.00 to 20.00	12,500/- to 50,000/-	10
3	196	12.00 to 20.00	30,000/- to 50,000/-	12
4	197	12.00 to 99.00	30,000/- to 1,98,000/-	10
5	198	5.00 to 20.00	12,500/- to 50,000/-	12
6	199	10.00 to 20.00	25,000/- to 50,000/-	13
Category: SC				
7	194	20.00	25,000/-	1
8	195	15.00 & 20.00	18,750/- & 25,000/-	2
9	196	20.00	25,000/-	1
10	197	10.00 to 20.00	12,500/- to 25,000/-	6
11	198	20.00	25,000/-	1
12	199	20.00 Each	25,000/- Each	2
Category: ST				
13	194	18.00	22,500/-	1
14	195	20.00	25,000/-	1
15	196	15.00 & 20.00	18,750/- & 25,000/-	2
16	198	20.00 Each	25,000/- Each	2
			Total	83

(1) Tender documents may be downloaded form the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka. **(2)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:00 p.m.** on **02.12.2022** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. **(3)** Bids will be opened of the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Jayanagar Division on **03.12.2022** at **4:05 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Jayanagar Division, BBMP

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is hereby given to the public that my client **Mrs. Kajal Jain** is the owner of the **Flat No F-804** in Springfields, situated at, Sy.19 &20 Ambalipura village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk.

The originals of the above mentioned Flat, Sale & construction agreement dated 22/11/2003 were lost on 02/11/2022 and are not traceable & consequently, a police complaint has been lodged in this regard with Bangalore city Police station Bengaluru on 11/11/2022 by the owner.

Any person or persons finding the documents or asserting any right, title, interest or claim in the schedule property or against the owners should write to the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of issuance of this Notice with all documentary proof, on which they are basing & asserting their rights, with regard to the schedule property or any part thereof, after which period it will be treated that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

Flat No:F-804, 2 bedrooms 1140 sq.ft. SBA on the Eighth floor of the 'F' Block Springfields Apt. built at Sy. Nos.19 & 20, Ambalipura village Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk Bangalore with 1 car parking in the surface area.

T. NARAYANA SHETTY, ADVOCATE
B-002 Springfields, Sarjapur Rd B'lore-560102
(M): 99451-89508

KMF Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited
KMF Complex: Dr. M.H. Marigowda Road, DRC Post, Bangalore-560 029.
Tel: 080-25536789/26096834 Fax: 080-25536105 E-mail:kmfengg@gmail.com/engg@kmf.coop

IFTNo.KMF/ENGG/Hassan-Main Dairy/Mechnical works/2022-23 **Date: 14.11.2022**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (2nd Call)
[TWO COVER SYSTEM] [THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY]

Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd; Bangalore invites tender through e-procurement portal for the works mentioned in the below table. The interested and eligible firms may participate in the tender by logging on to web site www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & also contact Help desk No.-080 23010900/23010901 E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Qty	EMD (Rs.)	Contract Period
1	Revamping and strengthening of existing Dairy to handle 06 lakhs liters Milk per day & related equipment with automation system for Hassan Milk Union at Hassan.	1 Job	35,00,0000	06 Months

1. Tenders may be downloaded from dated 16.11.2022 to 03.12.2022 up to 4-00 PM.
2. Last date for Tender submission on 03.12.2022 up to 4.00 pm
3. Tender [Part 1] to be opened on 05.12.2022 at 11:30 AM.

Hence forth changes / modification in the tender will be uploaded on e-procurement portal only.

For KARNATAKA MILK FEDERATION LTD,
Sd/-
Director [Engineering-2]

Stay watchful

Policymakers can ill-afford to drop their guard in the fight against inflation

October's inflation data point to a welcome softening in price gains that should offer some succour to monetary policy authorities, who have been battling to rein in runaway inflation since the beginning of this year. Retail inflation, or price gains based on the Consumer Price Index, slowed to 6.77% last month, from September's 7.41%, aided by an appreciable deceleration in food price inflation. The year-on-year inflation based on the Consumer Food Price Index eased by almost 160 basis points in October, to 7.01%, from the preceding month's 8.60%, helped by a "decline in prices of vegetables, fruits, pulses and oils and fats", the Government said. With the food and beverages sub-index representing almost 46% of the CPI's weight, the slowdown in food price gains understandably steered overall inflation lower even as price gains in three other essential categories, namely clothing and footwear, housing, and health, remained either little changed from September or quickened. Inflation at the wholesale prices level also continued to decelerate, with the headline reading easing into single digits for the first time in 19 months. A favourable base effect along with a distinct cooling in international prices of commodities including crude oil and steel amid gathering uncertainty in advanced economies was largely instrumental in tempering wholesale price gains.

Still, a closer look at sequential trends in retail inflation, especially in food items, flag the imperative for policymakers to remain watchful. While year-on-year inflation in vegetable prices slowed sharply to 7.77% last month, from September's breathless 18% pace, the month-on-month gains accelerated to a four-month high of 4.1% and point to concerns that the supply disruptions caused by unseasonal rains in vegetable-growing regions as well as logistical difficulties posed by monsoon flooding may continue to keep prices volatile, at least in the near term. Prices of staple cereals including rice and wheat also remain an object of concern, notwithstanding the Government's concerted efforts to cool volatility using export control measures. While inflation in the largest weight in the food basket ticked up to 12.1% in October, from the previous month's 11.5%, sequentially, price gains came in at 1%, moderating in pace from September. Reports of paddy crops being submerged or affected by heavy rains in different parts of the country coupled with the shortages of wheat and flour that have pushed up their prices all signal more volatility ahead in cereal prices. With S&P Global's latest Business Outlook survey pointing to an intensification of wage pressures and producer pass-through of costs, authorities can ill-afford to drop their guard in the fight against inflation.

A mixed bag

Trump does not appear to be as strong as he was, and Biden is no longer weak

From high inflation to America's support for Ukraine against the Russian invasion, a host of domestic and foreign policy issues had dominated this month's U.S. midterm elections, which were largely seen as a referendum on the Biden administration. When most of the results were out, the Democrats avoided a humiliating defeat. There was no 'red wave' for the Republicans. The Democrats have already retained their control of the Senate, while the fate of Georgia would be decided in a run-off. The Republicans, however, are inching closer to a House majority. The net result could complicate President Joe Biden's governance agenda. The Republicans, with the House under their control, can influence the January 6 riots probe, stall the administration's legislative agenda and put additional riders on America's support for Ukraine. Still, for Mr. Biden, whose approval ratings have been poor, his party's performance, the best for a ruling party in midterms since 2002, is a morale booster, strengthening his hand and coming in handy if he decides to run for re-election in 2024.

There are many other takeaways. While pre-poll surveys suggested that inflation topped voters' concerns, abortion rights came second. While the Republicans tried to cash in on voter resentment over high inflation, many of their candidates' anti-abortion positions did not help them in the polls. Second, the results showed that Donald Trump is not as powerful as he appeared to be. During the Republican primaries, the former U.S. President's endorsement mattered a lot. But it does not carry the same weight in the general elections. Several of the candidates he endorsed were defeated, while at least two Republican winners were unwelcome to him – Georgia's Governor Brian Kemp and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis. While Mr. Trump is expected to make his 2024 bid this week, many Republicans are already blaming him for the party's less-than-expected performance. The results have also underscored the unstoppable rise of Mr. DeSantis. His landslide win in what was called a swing State has strengthened calls by Republican donors for his presidential bid. Many see Mr. DeSantis as a more ideologically disciplined right-winger than Mr. Trump (who, in their view, could lead the party to victory). The midterm has set the stage for 2024. The Democrats have lost ground, but still stay strong. The Republicans are set to take the House but are internally divided, and right-wing extremism is not winning the party votes. How the parties address these challenges will determine their fate in 2024.

A call to action to avoid climate catastrophe

Climate change is a global problem that requires cooperation between all nations. That is why today, more than 30 newspapers and media organisations in more than 20 countries have taken a common view about what needs to be done. Time is running out. Rather than getting out of fossil fuels and into clean energy, many wealthy nations are reinvesting in oil and gas, failing to cut emissions fast enough and haggling over the aid they are prepared to send to poor countries. All this while the planet hurtles towards the point of no return – where climate chaos becomes irreversible.

Since the COP26 United Nations climate summit in Glasgow 12 months ago, countries have only promised to do one fiftieth of what is needed to stay on track to keep temperatures within 1.5°C of pre-industrial levels. No continent has avoided extreme weather disasters this year – from floods in Pakistan to heatwaves in Europe, and from forest fires in Australia to hurricanes in the United States. Given that these came about from elevated temperatures of about 1.1°C, the world can expect far worse to come.

A fossil fuel 'gold rush'

As many nations seek to reduce their reliance on Russia, the world is experiencing a "gold rush" for new fossil fuel projects. These are cast as temporary supply measures, but they risk locking the planet into irreversible damage. All this underlines that humanity has to end its addiction to fossil fuels. If renewable energy was the norm, there would be no climate emergency.

The world's poorest people will bear the brunt of the destruction wrought by drought, melting ice sheets and crop failures. To shield these groups from the loss of life and livelihoods will require money. Developing countries, says one influential report, need $2 trillion annually to cut their greenhouse gas emissions and cope with climate breakdown.

The Hindu is publishing this editorial along with *The Guardian* and several other media outlets across the globe as an urgent call to action on climate change

Moral responsibility of rich countries

Rich countries account for just one in eight people in the world today but are responsible for half of greenhouse gases. These nations have a clear moral responsibility to help. Developing nations should be given enough cash to address the dangerous conditions they did little to create – especially as a global recession looms.

Rich nations should deliver on the promise of previously committed funds – such as the $100 billion a year from 2020 – to signal their seriousness. As a bare minimum, a windfall tax on the combined profits of the largest oil and gas companies – estimated at almost $100 billion in the first three months of the year – needs to be enacted. The United Nations was right to call for the cash to be used to support the most vulnerable. But such a levy would only be the start.

Poor nations also carry debts that make it impossible to recover after climate-related disasters or protect themselves from future ones. Creditors should be generous in writing off loans for those on the frontline of the climate emergency. These measures need not wait for coordinated international action. Countries could implement them on regional or national levels. A nation's cumulative emissions must be the basis of its responsibility to act. While private finance can help, the onus is on big historical emitters to stump up the money.

Solving the crisis is the moonshot of our times. Getting to the moon succeeded within a decade because huge resources were devoted to it. A similar commitment is needed now. But an economic crisis has reduced rich countries' appetite for spending and the planet risks being trapped in fossil-fuel-dependence by a rearguard action of big business. Yet, during the pandemic central banks across the world lubricated states' expenditure by buying up their own governments' bonds. The trillions of dollars needed to deal with the ecological emergency demands such radical thinking returns.

Act now

This is no time for apathy or complacency; the urgency of the moment is upon us. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change must be about the power of argument, not the argument of power. Key to maintaining the consensus in Egypt is not to let disputes over trade and war in Ukraine block global climate diplomacy. The United Nations process may not be perfect. But it has provided nations with a target to save the planet, which must be pursued at COP27 to stave off an existential risk to humanity.

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Undermining federalism, eroding States' autonomy

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When the National Democratic Alliance Government (NDA) took office in 2014, there were hopes that India would move towards cooperative federalism. This was because Narendra Modi, as the Chief Minister of Gujarat, had been championing the cause of States' autonomy. This hope was reinforced when NITI Aayog replaced the Planning Commission of India with the main objective of promoting cooperative federalism.

The Cabinet Resolution of January 1, 2015 constituting the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) has articulated, among others, that "India is a diverse country with distinct languages, faiths and cultural ecosystems... The States of the Union do not want to be mere appendages of the Centre. They seek a decisive say in determining the architecture of economic growth and development. The one-size-fits-all approach, often inherent in central planning, has the potential of creating needless tensions and undermining the harmony needed for national effort".

One of the main mandates of NITI Aayog is to foster cooperative federalism through structured support initiatives and mechanisms with the States on a continuous basis, recognising that strong States make a strong nation.

It is unfortunate that NITI Aayog has not taken any major steps since its constitution to promote cooperative federalism. Contrary to its public statements on promoting cooperative federalism, the Government of India has been doing exactly the opposite. The following instances clearly demonstrate as to how the central government's policies have undermined the spirit of federalism and eroded the autonomy of the States.

Breaking the 'award and package' tradition

It has been a well-established tradition to treat all the recommendations of the Finance Commissions relating to transfers to States as an award and a package. This tradition was broken for the first time while dealing with the recommendations of the Fifteenth Finance Commission. The Fifteenth Finance Commission, in its first report, had recommended a special grant to three States amounting to ₹6,764 crore to ensure that the tax devolution in 2020-21 in absolute terms should not be less than the amount of devolution received by these States in 2019-20. This recommendation was not accepted by the Union Government. Similarly, the recommendation relating to grants for nutrition amounting to ₹7,735 crore was not accepted. A similar approach has been followed by the Union Government with regard to grants to States recommended by the Finance Commission for the period 2021-26. The sector-specific grants and State-specific grants recommended by the Commission amounting to ₹1,29,987 crore and ₹49,599 crore, respectively, have not been accepted. This clearly demonstrates that the Union Government has undermined the stature of the institution of the Finance Commission and cooperative federalism.

Rather than strengthening cooperative federalism, the central government of the day is resorting to policies that make Indian federation coercive

Off-Budget borrowings

The decision to treat off-Budget borrowings from 2021-22 onwards serviced from the State budgets as States' borrowings and adjusting them against borrowing limits under Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) in 2022-23 and following years is against all norms. This is the first time that the Government of India is proposing to treat off-Budget borrowings as government borrowings retrospectively from 2021-22. The Government of India has indicated that such a decision is in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Commission. In fact, there is no recommendation to this effect by the Fifteenth Finance Commission. The Finance Commission recommended that governments at all tiers may observe strict discipline by resisting any further additions to the stock of off-Budget transactions. It observed that in view of the uncertainty that prevails now, the timetable for defining and achieving debt sustainability may be examined by a high-powered intergovernmental group and that the FRBM Act may be amended as per the recommendations of this group to ensure that the legislations of the Union and the States are consistent. No such group has been appointed so far by the Centre.

The borrowings by corporations against State guarantees are mostly used for capital investment. The Centre has also been raising off-Budget borrowings but mainly for meeting revenue expenditure. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG) Report on the Compliance of FRBM Act for 2017-18 and 2018-19 pointed out as many as eight instances of meeting revenue expenditure through Extra Budgetary Resources (EBR). Revenue expenditure met through EBR by the Centre amounted to ₹81,282 crore in 2017-18 and ₹1,58,107 crore in 2018-19. Such borrowings were not reflected in the Budget of the central government. In view of this, treating off-Budget borrowings of State corporations as States' borrowings retrospectively is totally unjustified.

The use of cesses and surcharges

The NDA government has been resorting to the levy of cesses and surcharges, as these are not shareable with the States under the Constitution. The share of cesses and surcharges in the gross tax revenue of the Centre increased from 13.5% in 2014-15 to 20% in the Budget estimates for 2022-23. Though the States' share in the Central taxes is 41%, as recommended by the Fifteenth Finance Commission, they only get a 29.6% share because of higher cesses and surcharges.

The C&AG in its Audit Report on Union Government Accounts for 2018-19 observed that of the ₹2,74,592 crore collected from 35 cesses in 2018-19, only ₹1,64,322 crore had been credited to the dedicated funds and the rest was retained in the Consolidated Fund of India. This is another instance of denying States of their due share as per the constitutional provisions.

Committee after committee appointed by the Government of India has emphasised the need to curtail the number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and restrict them to a few areas of national importance. But, what the Government of India has done is to group them under certain broad umbrella heads (currently 28). In addition, in 2015, the Centre increased the States' share in a number of CSS, thereby burdening States. Most of the CSS are operated in the subjects included in the State list. Thus, States have lost their autonomy.

The Sub-Committee of Chief Ministers appointed by NITI Aayog has recommended a reduction in the number of schemes and the introduction of optional schemes. These recommendations have not been acted upon.

The Centre has enacted three farm laws though agriculture is a subject listed in the State List under the Constitution. These farm laws have been enacted under Entry 33 of the Concurrent List relating to trade and commerce in, and the production, supply and distribution of foodstuffs including edible oils and oils. Though these Acts have been repealed, their enactment is against the spirit of the Constitution, and States were not even consulted while introducing these Bills.

All these instances indicate clearly that the Centre has not walked the talk on cooperative federalism. Instead, its policies have made Indian federation coercive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COP27 imperatives

As the climate summit, COP27, enters its final week, it is clear that there is no tangible action plan as yet on the "loss and damage fund" which is intended to handhold and compensate climate change vulnerable countries. There is a conspicuous absence of the "intent" of the developed countries. Amid alarming reports by various international agencies of climate change catastrophes, COP27 should provide much-needed succour to developing, small island and poor countries. As such, the summit should focus on funding the transfer of relevant technologies to these countries in the sphere of climate-resilient and adaptation systems. Arguably, the recent harrowing experiences of the climate-change induced extreme weather events should make India use its pre-eminent position in the global fora to spearhead the pivotal climate concerns of developing, poor and small island nations in this summit. The International Solar Alliance needs to be taken forward vigorously.

G. Ramasubramanyam,
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

Release and reflections

Yes, the remorse of convicts should be a prior requirement for premature release. However, it is disheartening to see one of the convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case saying, "I am not happy about my release because I lost most of my life serving the term in the prison....". One is reminded of what Nelson Mandela said on his release after 27 years in prison fighting against discrimination: "I stand here before you not as a prophet but as a humble servant of you, the people. Your tireless and heroic sacrifices have made it possible for me to be here today. I therefore place the remaining years of my life in your hands."

Andrew Kap Lian Gualnam,
Vengnuam, Manipur

The release of the remaining life convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi case by the Supreme Court was not unexpected. Those who colluded and connived to assassinate the leader were awarded condign punishment. To hail their release, as seen in the comments made by certain political parties, is something that cannot be commented upon or discussed at length.

Mani Natarajan,
Chennai

Cricket of two eras

If the 1983 World Cup win was unquestionably the loftiest point and a watershed moment in Indian cricket that completely changed the face of it, the ignominious defeat against England in the semi-final of the just-concluded T20 World Cup can be called an all-time low. Though, arguably, both are results of two different formats in different eras, it still compels one to make such a comparison, considering the two extreme natures of the outcome in World Cup tournaments. Knowing well that leg-spinners are, traditionally, crucial to fortunes in the T20s, it is a mystery why this aspect was glossed over.

R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

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Health as the focus of air pollution policy

The worsening winter air quality in north India has yet again brought into public focus the harmful effects of air pollution on our health. The effects of exposure to bad air are felt in every organ of the body, and most deeply by the vulnerable in society – children, the elderly, pregnant women, and those with pre-existing health conditions. In India, in 2019, 17.8% of all deaths and 11.5% of respiratory, cardiovascular and other related diseases are attributable to high exposure to pollution (*The Lancet*). This public health emergency has resulted in calls for health to be made central to air pollution policymaking.

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Glaring in its absence

The primacy of protecting public health – the raison d'etre of environmental legislation – is clearly laid out in the statement of objects and reasons of India's key environmental laws. Yet, if we examine the constitution of our environmental regulators, expert groups and decision-making entities that define and translate those laws into air pollution policy, health expertise is glaring in its absence. Driven by a combination of the isolated nature of policymaking and an insufficient understanding of health among policymakers, air pollution policy is created and implemented in a vacuum. There is little cognisance of the effect it has on society.

So, what would it mean for India to place health at the centre of air quality governance and policymaking? So far, Indian air pollution policy has at best treated health as merely one of the several equally relevant facets in decision-making. It must transcend this. Health must be turned into a feature and eventually a function of air pollution policy.

To treat health as a facet of air pollution policy has meant to occasionally provide a health voice a seat at the table. However, an examination of even the most recently constituted institution, the Commission for Air Quality Management, reveals a lack of any health representation. Recent papers published by the Centre for Policy Research also reveal that health sector representatives comprise less than 5% of the membership of State Pollution Control Boards. How can their work as front-line air pollution regulators be effective or more sensitive to health needs if health doesn't even feature in important policy discussions?

Lessons to be learned

What does it mean to make health a feature of air pollution policy? Health and epidemiological evidence will drive our determination to achieve substantial health benefits from clean air targets. The only effort till date in India, which has viewed air pollution through this lens, is the Ministry of Health's Steering Committee on Air Pollution, which took an exposure-centered view to policy. It did this by prioritising interventions that contributed the most to reducing exposure and thereby providing health benefits. It also brought to light the local and global epidemiological evidence on the harmful effects of air pollution, and defined policy measures aligned with that science (for example, focusing on household cook stove smoke).

As India is in the process of revising its ambient air quality standards (NAAQS), it would do well to learn from this ground-breaking effort. The NAAQS review has remained a largely opaque process over the years, and foregrounding health in such a process would mean the standards would be determined not just by local conditions, but also by the impact of exposure on vulnerable populations.

Health must be turned into a feature and eventually a function of air pollution policy

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Eschewing the status quo

The final step would require a radical rethinking of the way we design policy from the ground up. Behind every source that contributes significantly to air pollution, there is a story of parochial, sectoral, and isolated policymaking. Whether it is stubble burning (a by-product of ill-thought-out water conservation laws) or thermal power plant emissions (where more stringent standards have been delayed for over five years), decisions are made without any consideration of their potential second and third order effects, especially on health.

Here, again, there are lessons to be learned from the Health Ministry's Steering Committee. The committee convened experts from a range of disciplines and sectors, including epidemiology, environment, energy, transport, public policy and economics, to develop a prescription that would primarily focus on health benefits. Indeed, such an approach that foregrounds the explicit health benefits of specific sustainable and effective interventions is needed to prevent the repudiation of basic science that ensures the proliferation of untested, ad hoc techno fixes such as smog towers. This kind of thinking would also lead us to accelerate climate and air quality actions that control emissions from those sectors that cause the greatest health burden.

We are at a crossroads in our fight against air pollution. The contemporaneous approach to tackling this issue has been tried for decades and has proven ineffective. The choice lies before us now on whether we want to centre science and health in what will likely be a long road to fixing this problem, or continue down the same path that has led us to this smoggy status quo.

The fall and fall of the Left

With no agenda or vision, the Left is struggling to expand its vote base

STATE OF PLAY

G.V.R. Subba Rao

A few days ago, the CPI (M) protested against the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Andhra Pradesh. In August, at the CPI national Congress held in Vijayawada, leaders of the CPI and CPI(M) discussed Left unity and the need to wage a united struggle against other political forces. The CPI has also stated its target of becoming a 'million member' party by next year. These are lofty goals but seem particularly difficult to fulfill given the fall and fall of the Left in Andhra Pradesh over the last few decades.

In the first two general elections in undivided Andhra Pradesh, the Communists were the largest force after the Congress. It was in 1983 that the Left had an opportunity to grab power in the State when there was a strong anti-Congress wave. The Left parties succeeded in bringing all the non-Congress parties, including the Janata Party, onto one platform. The formation of a Left-led government was almost imminent but for the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), founded only nine months earlier as an alternative to Congress hegemony.

The Left could have cashed in on the anti-Congress wave, but it failed to sense the impact of the charismatic N.T. Rama Rao on the electorate. Much to the disbelief of the Left-led alliance and the ruling Congress, the fledgling regional party captured Congress strongholds and won 202 of the 294 seats, while the Congress was reduced to just 60. The CPI(M) won five, the CPI won four, and the BJP, three.

In subsequent elections – from 1985 to 1999 – the Left forged an alliance with the TDP. The TDP slowly ate into the Left's vote base right under the nose of the Left in its strongholds. But the Left parties did not seem to realise that their cadres and sympathisers were shifting loyalty to the regional party. By some estimates, about 20% of the cadre and more than 50% of the sympathisers had shifted to the TDP by the time the CPI (M) identified the problem in 1997. The issue was discussed at the CPI(M) conclave, but the corrective measures taken to recall and retain the base are yet to yield results. Leaders of the Left agree that alliances with other political parties, more specifically the regional parties, have eroded their vote share.

Since the formation of the TDP, barring a couple of occasions, the Left continued to forge an alliance with one party or the other. In 1999, the Left parties contested independently and the TDP allied with the BJP. Again in 2014, the CPI and CPI(M) had plans to join hands with the Jai Samaikyandhra Party formed by the former Chief Minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh, N. Kiran Kumar Reddy, but this did not materialise. In both these instances, the CPI and CPI(M) contested independently. In 2004, the Left allied with the Congress. In 2009, it sailed with the TDP again after the latter parted from the BJP.

Today, the fact is that the Left is in steady decline in Andhra Pradesh. The Left has no representation in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly. Since that spectacular defeat following a ray of hope in 1983, the Left continues to strugge to retain and strengthen its voter base. The combined vote share of the CPI and CPI(M) was about 6% prior to the Left's alliance with the TDP. It fell to about 4% by 1999. Now, it is a mere 2.5%.

As the Left parties have been handheld all these years, with which parties will they sail in the 2024 general elections? The political landscape in Andhra Pradesh is volatile today. The TDP is apparently keen on joining hands with actor-turned-politician Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena Party (JSP) or the BJP. As things stand now, the BJP-JSP alliance is intact. This was evident when Mr. Kalyan met Mr. Modi a few days ago amid talk of a strain on the three-year-old alliance.

Though they talk of being united, the CPI and CPI(M) are evidently not on same page as far as electoral alliances are concerned. The CPI is determined to win from atleast one Assembly seat and is maintaining good relations with TDP national president N. Chandrababu Naidu, say party sources. For the CPI(M), it is important to strengthen the party cadre, gain sympathisers and expand the voter base instead of winning a couple of seats, say sources.

The Left has failed to increase its voter base through alliances. It is unable to mobilise people ideologically, present a credible alternative, understand caste dynamics or even attract its traditional voter base. Protesting Mr. Modi's visit will not help the Left; it needs to do much more than protesting and posturing.

Qatar, third-worst World Cup host in terms of human rights

Only military-ruled Argentina and fascist Italy had worse human rights records when they hosted the World Cup in 1978 and 1934, respectively

DATA POINT

Sonikka Loganathan

With just days to go before the football World Cup begins, Qatar, the host country, and FIFA are embroiled in controversy. Since 2013, when Doha won the bid to host the World Cup, rights groups have called out Qatar's poor human rights record, particularly on LGBT rights, civil liberties and treatment of migrant workers. Footballers and fans have expressed anger and disappointment at FIFA, and more so after the body issued a statement recently asking the 32 participating nations to "now focus on football."

The Australian team released a video condemning Qatar's human rights violations. The Denmark team will wear an all-black kit. England's star player, Harry Kane, and captains of European teams will wear 'OneLove' armbands. Recently, fans at a Dortmund match in Germany unravelled a massive banner which read 'Boycott Qatar 2022'. Pop star Dua Lipa distanced herself from the tournament, saying she will not be performing at the opening ceremony and looks forward to "visiting Qatar when it has fulfilled all the human rights pledges it made when it won the right to host the World Cup."

The V-Dem Institute's human rights index quantifies the human rights record of a country where 0 indicates 'least rights' and 1 indicates 'most rights'. The index measures the extent to which people are free from government torture, political killings, and forced labour; have property rights; and enjoy the freedoms of movement, religion, expression and association. **Chart 1** plots the Institute's human rights index of a football world cup host, on the year the country hosted the tournament. For instance, the 2006 World Cup was conducted in Germany, which scored 0.97 on the index that year.

Qatar's human rights record is the third worst in history for a host. For Qatar, the 2021 figures have been considered as the 2022 numbers have not been published yet. Qatar is only behind Argentina, which hosted the World Cup in 1978, and Italy, which was the host in 1934. The military junta, which was in power in Argentina in 1978, suppressed civil rights and restricted freedom. In 1934, the second World Cup took place in Benito Mussolini's Italy.

Qatar also featured at the bottom of several other humanitarian indicators (**Chart 2).** The scores of Qatar, along with those of Russia, are notably low on civil liberties, private civil liberties, equal rights protection, and freedom of expression. The scores of Denmark and India are shown for reference.

Even the previous tournament, held in Russia, faced scrutiny. Russia ranks the fourth-worst host on the human rights count. However, Qatari officials say the vilification they are facing is worse than what was seen in the past and have denounced the "hypocrisy" of it. Responding to Germany's criticism in an interview with a German newspaper, Qatar's Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani said, "On the one side, the German population is misinformed by government politicians; on the other, the government has no problem with us when it comes to energy partnerships or investments." **Table 3** shows the total imports of coal, oil and natural gas in 2021 by 10 European footballing countries, including England and Belgium, which recently released a joint statement condemning Qatar's rights abuses and urging FIFA to deliver "concrete answers". Together, the nations have spent $4.2 billion for importing mineral oil and fuel from Qatar in 2021. Qatar was also among the top 10 sources of oil for England and Belgium last year.

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World Cup and human rights

The data for the first and second charts were sourced from V-Dem Institute and Freedom House ratings. They were accessed from the Our World In Data website. The table is sourced from comtrade

Chart 1: The V-Dem Institutes' human rights index of a world cup host, on the year the country hosted the tournament

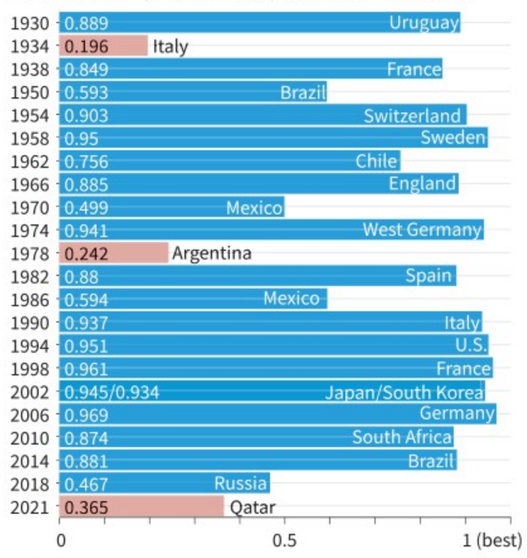
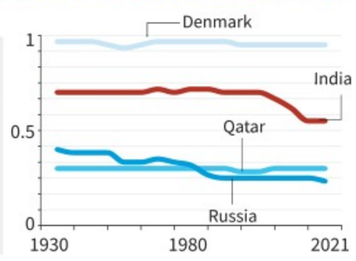


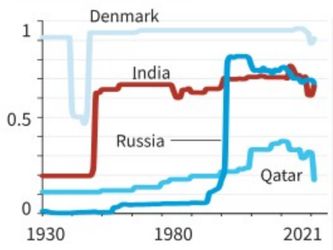
Table 3: Total imports of mineral oil and fuels in 2021 from Qatar and Qatar's share in a nation's total such imports

Country	Total imports from Qatar	Qatar's ranking	% share
U.K.	$2,259,964,708	5	3.2%
Belgium	$949,488,725	8	2.0%
Denmark	$85,884,029	>10	0.8%
Germany	$386,186,456	>10	0.3%
Netherlands	$452,408,253	>10	0.5%
Norway	$25,122,774	>10	0.5%
Portugal	$51,215,637	>10	0.5%
Sweden	$45,720,042	>10	0.3%
Switzerland	$195,307	>10	0.002%

Chart 2

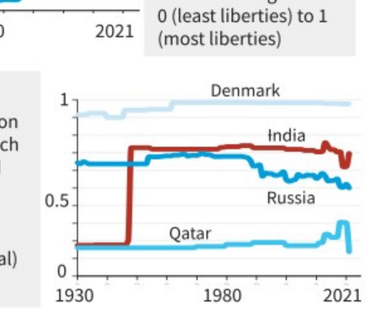
Civil liberties: It captures the extent of freedom of expression and association, the rule of law, and personal autonomy. The higher the scores, the more the liberties

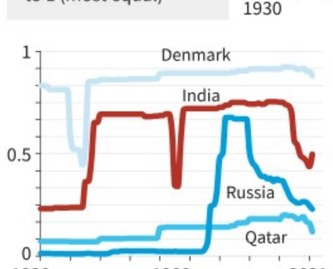




Private civil liberties: It captures the extent to which people are free from forced labour, have property rights, and enjoy the freedoms of movement and religion. 0 (least liberties) to 1 (most liberties)

Equal rights: It combines information on the extent to which the State grants and protects rights and freedoms equally across all social groups. 0 (least equal) to 1 (most equal)





Freedom of expression: It captures the extent to which people can voice their views and the media presents different political perspectives. It ranges from 0 (least free) to 1 (most free)

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FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 16, 1972

U.N.G.A. wants Portugal to quit African territories

United Nations, Nov. 15: The General Assembly called on Portugal yesterday to withdraw its forces from the Portuguese African territories and appealed to all Governments to help the peoples of those territories to obtain self-determination and Independence.

The vote, clearing the way for a new round of debate on Portuguese overseas policy by the Security Council, was an overwhelming 93 to six with eight abstentions on a resolution called up from the Assembly's Trusteeship Committee.

In affirming that the national liberation movements of Angola, Portuguese Guinea, Cape Verde and Mozambique were the "authentic representatives of the true aspirations" of their peoples and that U.N. bodies should ensure their representation in debates, the Assembly also raised the probability that these "freedom fighters" will be heard during the Council meetings, expected to open this week.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 16, 1922

Heavy rains in Madras

Last night witnessed the heaviest downpour we have yet had in Madras for many years. It has been recorded that about 9.80' of rain fell from late yesterday night till 8 a.m. today. The rains were accompanied by severe thunder storms. Many houses in various parts of the city collapsed attended in one case with loss of lives.

It is reported that in George Town in Thiyappa Mudali street a child and woman were covered over by a building which fell down and their dead bodies were extricated. Almost all the low-lying cherries are still under water. In Mylapore from the Sanskrit College up to the Elliot's Road water stood up at 3' in height.

The Chitrakulam, which had already risen up to the level of the adjoining road, overflowed into the streets. Similar effects of the rain are to be seen in Triplicane, Park Town, Egmore and other parts of the city.

The trams were not able to run as usual up to noon to-day.

The Sub-urban trains of S. Rly were not able to run between Park Town and Beach till 11'o clock owing to the large amount of water on the railway line behind the Medical College. Passengers who had booked to Fort and Beach stations had to get down at Park.

From Page One

PM meets Xi, Biden in Bali; more talks today

Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi then shook hands and spoke to each other, with their translators attending. The MEA did not respond to requests for a readout of the conversation, but sources said the two leaders had just "exchanged courtesies at the conclusion of the dinner". Mr. Modi also held a "pull-aside" meeting with Mr. Biden at the Nusa Dua convention centre in Bali, on the margins of the G-20 sessions, officials said.

"[PM Modi and President Biden] reviewed the continuing deepening of the India-U.S. strategic partnership, including cooperation in future-oriented sectors like critical and emerging technologies, advanced computing, artificial intelligence, etc.", the Ministry said in a statement, adding that they had also discussed cooperation in groupings such as the Quad and I2U2 (India-Israel-UAE-US partnership) during the meeting.

"The two leaders discussed topical global and regional developments," the MEA said, without giving any details of the discussions, if any, on the differences between India and the U.S. over the Russian war in Ukraine. "PM Modi thanked President Biden for his constant support for strengthening the India-U.S. partnership," the statement added.

Shared commitment

A U.S. White House statement said Mr. Biden had met PM Modi and President Widodo together "to reaffirm their shared commitment to the G-20 as the premier forum for international economic cooperation" but didn't refer to bilateral issues with India.

On Wednesday, Indonesian President Joko Widodo will hand over the G-20 process to Mr. Modi, and India will formally assume its presidency from December 1 this year. After the final G-20 sessions, Mr. Modi will hold separate bilateral meetings with at least eight leaders, beginning with Mr. Widodo, followed by Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez, French President Emmanuel Macron, Singapore's PM Lee Hsein Loong, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Italian PM Giorgia Melon, Australian PM Anthony Albanese, and U.K. PM Rishi Sunak.

PM Modi reiterates call for ceasefire in Ukraine

"I have repeatedly said that we have to find a way to return to the path of ceasefire and diplomacy in Ukraine. Over the past century, the Second World War wreaked havoc in the world. After that, the leaders of that time made a serious effort to take the path of peace. Now it's our turn. The need of the hour is to show concrete and collective resolve to ensure peace, harmony and security in the world," said Mr. Modi.

The Prime Minister called for restriction-free energy trade as that is necessary for India's energy security as well as for global growth, saying that India is on track to renewable electricity sources. He further called for "time-bound and affordable finance and sustainable supply of technology" to developing economies.

He said that the United Nations and other multilateral institutions had failed to counter the effects of the war in Ukraine and climate change that have triggered difficulties worldwide. During its G-20 Presidency in 2023, India will work to ensure consensus on all global issues, said Mr. Modi. "I am confident that next year when the G-20 meets, we will all agree to convey a strong message of peace to the world," he added.

Addressing a gathering of the members of the Indian community, the PM commended the people of Indian origin in Indonesia for contributing to the country's economy. "Even as we are meeting here, people in Odisha are marking the festival of Bali Jatra. The festival marks the links between ancient Kalinga and Indonesia (Bali). They are planning to float paper boats to mark the occasion," said PM Modi delivering a speech in Hindi.

Oct. exports shrink 16.7%, imports rise 5.7%

The decline in exports was broad-based with just a handful of sectors reporting an uptick in shipments, including electronic goods which grew almost 38% to $1.8 billion.

Engineering goods, a mainstay of India's exports in recent years, shrank more than 21% to $7.4 billion. The Ministry stated that the $2 billion drop "includes steel and its products", signalling that the export tax on iron and steel is hurting these exports. Exports from major job-intensive sectors such as readymade garments and gems and jewellery also shrank more than 21%, while cotton yarn, handlooms and handicraft products almost halved from a year earlier.

Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said the October trade data was impacted by the Deepavali, Dussehra festive period as factory workers tend to go on leave and production drops. "Over the last two years, I have seen there is a $4 billion gap in the trade between the pre-Diwali and the Diwali period, as exports drop and demand for imports rises," he said.

"This is a seasonal blip... We will assess whether this is a trend that will persist after looking at how November trade numbers turn out," he said, stressing there was no need to be "overly depressed" about the gloomy global trade forecast from WTO of just 1% growth in world trade in 2023.

Public functionaries should be restrained in speech: SC judge

A five-judge Supreme Court Bench is examining whether guidelines should be framed to prevent government Ministers, MPs, MLAs and even political leaders from making derogatory and hurtful statements in public

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

> It is part of our constitutional culture that we impose a self-restriction and not blabber things
>
> **JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA**
> Judge of Supreme Court

There is an unwritten rule of self-restraint for public functionaries not to "blabber" things which are "very disparaging or insulting" to fellow citizens, Justice B.V. Nagarathna, sitting in a Constitution Bench, said on Tuesday.

The five-judge Supreme Court Bench, led by Justice S. Abdul Nazeer, is examining whether guidelines should be framed to stop or even prevent Ministers, MPs, MLAs and even political leaders from making unguarded, derogatory and hurtful statements in public.

Justice Nagarathna said there was an inherent constitutional restriction on persons holding responsible offices to follow a certain code of conduct. Such self-imposed restraint was irrespective of the "reasonable restriction" on free speech.

"For any person holding a public office or is a public servant, there is an unwritten rule, and it is part of our constitutional culture, that we impose a self-restriction when we hold offices of responsibility and not blabber things which are very disparaging or insulting to our countrymen," Justice Nagarathna observed orally.

Code of conduct

Kaleeswaram Raj, counsel for petitioner Joseph Shine, said there was a need for the court to "indicate a voluntary code of conduct". Mr. Shine had moved the court against comments made by Kerala Minister M.M. Mani.

Attorney-General R. Venkataramani, for the Union of India, said the state should not be held vicariously liable for the hurtful statements made by individual Ministers. The situation would become "unmanageable" if this was done. There would be a flurry of petitions in courts against the state by persons claiming to have been wronged. He said the issue of whether or not to make a law or changing the Indian Penal Code should be left to Parliament.

Mr. Raj said most of these statements were made by lawmakers themselves. Justice B.R. Gavai, on the Bench, remarked that he thought the issue was exclusively within the domain of Parliament.

Justice V. Ramasubramanian said that holding the state liable for an individual's statements would be as unwieldy as holding statements made by a judge attributable to the court.

"Imposing a final, binding liability on the government for an individual's misconduct would be a very serious issue," Mr. Venkataramani submitted.

Justice Nagarathna said there were civil remedies available.

"There may be no right against the state when an individual makes a statement, but on account of a public functionary making a statement, if a section of population or individuals are affected, there is always a civil remedy available," Justice Nagarathna said.

The court reserved the case for judgment on the question whether the right to free speech and expression of high public functionaries require "greater restrictions".

Justice Nazeer, in an earlier hearing, had wondered whether the court could lay down general guidelines in "thin air" without examining the factual background of each case.

The reference to a Constitution Bench was made two years ago in April 2017. It sprouted from a petition filed by the family members of the Bulandshahr rape case victim against a former Minister's public statements that the rape case was part of a political conspiracy against the then Akhilesh Yadav government.

The Minister had subsequently apologised unconditionally in the apex court. But the court had decided to examine the question of imposing curbs on the free speech of public functionaries in sensitive matters.

Eight bodies retrieved from Mizoram quarry site

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The bodies of eight of the 12 people trapped under the debris of a hilly stone quarry that collapsed in Mizoram's Hnahthial district on Monday have been recovered, officials said on Tuesday.

The search operation was being carried out by a 15-member NDRF team besides personnel of the paramilitary Assam Rifles and Border Security Force.

District Deputy Commissioner R. Lalremsanga said four of the 12 trapped workers were employees of ABCI Infrastructures Private Ltd., while the others were engaged by a local contractor.

The private firm is executing a project to widen a stretch of the highway connecting Hnahthial town and the district headquarters. District Superintendent of Police Vineet Kumar said rescue operations would continue till all the missing persons were found. "There were 13 people working at the site. One worker managed to escape," he said.

EC asks Sena factions to file claims on party name by Nov. 23

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Tuesday asked the two warring Shiv Sena factions to submit the necessary paper work regarding their claim to the bow and arrow symbol by November 23, following which it will set a date to hear the dispute.

The development came in the wake of the Delhi High Court dismissing former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's plea against the commission's October 8 decision of freezing the symbol and asking the commission to take a decision regarding the dispute, as expeditiously as possible.

While Mr. Thackeray was allotted a flaming torch, incumbent Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde received the sword and shield as an interim symbol for the recent Andheri East Assembly byelection won by the Thackeray camp.

In a related development, the commission fixed November 29 as the date to provide a personal hearing to Chirag Paswan and his uncle Pashupati Kumar Paras regarding the dispute related to the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) symbol – the bungalow – which is currently frozen.

Symbols allotted

The commission, in October last year, allotted the name Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) and the helicopter symbol to Mr. Paswan's faction, while the name, Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party, along with a sewing machine as the party symbol, was assigned to Mr. Paras's grouping.

Both disputes, sources said, had arisen under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968 and communication related to further course of action had been sent to the representatives of the two separate factions in each case, respectively.

Third edition of 'No Money For Terror' forum to discuss crowdfunding of terrorism

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The use of crowdfunding platforms to finance terrorist activities and weak control mechanisms of social media platforms is one of the four main topics to be discussed at the third No Money For Terror (NMFT) conference to be hosted by India this week.

The conference, to be held in New Delhi on November 18 and 19, is expected to be attended by representatives of nearly 75 countries.

The major topics to be discussed at the conference spanning four sessions are global trends in terrorism and terrorist financing; use of formal and informal channels for terrorism; emerging technologies and terrorist financing; and international cooperation to address challenges in combating terrorist financing.

On Tuesday, the official handle of NMFT tweeted, "Humanitarian forces of the world and India will have to fight unitedly to defeat the menace of terrorism."

The agenda of the conference said that "terrorists and extremists have improvised on technologies like cryptocurrency and crowdfunding by customising them to suit their requirements".

Decentralised structure

It added that the dark web brings together professional hackers and terrorists seeking to transfer or crowd-source funds, and the anonymous, decentralised, and often untraceable nature of terror financing through various means poses a serious challenge.

"The world still lacks a universal consensus on laws and norms regarding cyber crimes. The weak control mechanisms of social media platforms and their misuse by terrorist and extremist groups to raise funds have been regularly highlighted. An effective multilateral and multi-stakeholder approach can help in the identification and mitigation of threats of emerging terror-financing mechanisms. An effective legislative framework can help ensure that internet service providers/social media platforms work towards effective, proportionate and dissuasive self-regulation," the agenda said.

A statement by the Ministry of Home Affairs on November 12 said that Union Home Minister Amit Shah will be participating in the conference and will convey India's determination in its fight against terrorism as well as its support systems for achieving success.

No need of solvency certificate for Navlakha: SC

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday cleared the hurdle for the release of activist Gautam Navlakha from Navi Mumbai's Taloja prison, where he is lodged in the Elgar Parishad-Maoist link case, by waiving the requirement of a solvency certificate for getting the benefit of house arrest.

The top court had allowed Navlakha to be placed under house arrest owing to his deteriorating health. It had said that Navlakha will provide a local surety of ₹2 lakh by November 14. When the Bench of Justices K.M. Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy was told that it will take a minimum of six weeks to secure solvency certificate, the Bench said since other adequate security proofs such as passport, Aadhaar card and PAN card have been provided, the trial court should not insist on a ration card as an additional proof of identity.

Murmu flags off usage of PESA Act rules in M.P.

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

Flagging off the implementation of the PESA Act 1996 – that gives special power to *gram sabhas* in the scheduled areas – in Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday, President Droupadi Murmu said that the development of the tribal communities and national development, were closely linked.

The President was addressing a *Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas* programme in Madhya Pradesh's Shahdol district.

Hailing the efforts of the State government and the Centre towards the development of the tribals, she said, "National development and the development of tribal communities are linked to each other."

Row after RSS-backed magazine accuses Amazon of religious conversion

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Wading into the controversy that erupted over a cover story of *Organiser*, an RSS-backed magazine, about alleged funding of conversion activities in the northeastern States by e-commerce giant Amazon, the Swadeshi Jagran Manch, another RSS offshoot, demanded that Central agencies should investigate the firm's business model in India and its links with organisations that are a "threat to national security".

Ashwani Mahajan, national co-convener of the Manch, said Amazon's "conversion racket" was also rapidly growing in Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

"The feedback coming from various places suggests that Amazon is also indulging in business malpractices to propel conversion, which could be a threat to our national security," he added.

The report, titled "Amazing cross connection", read, "E-commerce Amazon is financing the Christian Conversion module run by American Baptist Mission (ABM). There is a possibility of a money laundering ring run by multinational companies and ABM to fund India's huge missionary conversion mission." It added that the Social Justice Forum of Arunachal Pradesh had alleged that Amazon was "continuously funding the All India Mission (AIM), the frontal organisation of ABM, through its foundation Amazon Smile".

In a statement, Amazon said that Amazon India did not have any relationship with the AIM, its affiliates nor did the AmazonSmile programme operate on the Amazon India marketplace. "Where the AmazonSmile programme does operate, customers can choose to donate to a charity they prefer from multiple non-profits that register themselves under the programme. The AmazonSmile program does not endorse the views of any charity participating in the programme," it added.

HC asks how Morbi bridge work was given without tender

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

The Gujarat High Court on Tuesday asked how the Morbi bridge repairs were awarded to the Oreva Group without a tender, while hearing a *suo motu* petition on the colonial-era bridge collapse that killed at least 140 people on October 29.

The court also noted that "*prima facie*, the local municipality has defaulted which led to unfortunate incident", and asked how the "largesse of the State" was granted to a company without floating a tender.

The Division Bench of Chief Justice Arvind Kumar and Justice Ashutosh Shastri asked the government how Ajanta Manufacturing Ltd., the Oreva Group's flagship company which manufactures wall clocks and electronic appliances, had been permitted to maintain the bridge between 2017 and 2022 in the absence of any agreement, after the term of a 2008 agreement on bridge maintenance had ended.

Picture placards of Morbi tragedy victims placed on the banks of the Machchhu river.

Population growth is stabilising in India: UN

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

As the global population reached eight billion, the United Nations on Tuesday said that India's population growth appeared to be stabilising, which shows that the national policies and health systems, including access to family planning services, are working.

The world population touched eight billion on Tuesday and India was the largest contributor to the milestone, having added 177 million people of the last billion people born in the world, the UN said.

For China, which added 73 million people, the projection is that its contribution to the next billion in the global population will be in the negative.

"The good news is that India's population growth appears to be stabilising. The Total Fertility Rate – more or less the average number of children born per woman – has declined from 2.2 to 2.0 at the national level," the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) said.

Good record

A total of 31 States and Union Territories (constituting 69.7% of the country's population) have achieved fertility rates below the replacement level of 2.1, it said.

The main reasons for the decline in fertility include increase in adoption of modern family planning methods (from 47.8% in 2015-16 to 56.5% in 2019-21) and a reduction in unmet need for family planning by four percentage points over the same period, it said.

"This indicates significant improvements in access to family planning related information and services," the UN organisation said.

Congress tells Rijiju to stop wasting time, focus on legal system

Stop authoring 'fraudulent pieces' on Nehru and instead focus on the system that frees those convicted of murder and gang rape, it says

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

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>
> **PURUSHOTTAM AGRAWAL**
> Scholar

The Congress on Tuesday said Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju should focus on rectifying the legal system that "frees" murder and gang-rape convicts instead of wasting time authoring "fraudulent" pieces on Jawaharlal Nehru.

Mr. Rijiju, in an opinion piece on the Kashmir issue on Monday, claimed that Nehru had moved the UN under a wrong Article after the invasion by Pakistan that made it a "a party to the dispute instead of an aggressor".

"Instead of wasting his time 'authoring' fraudulent pieces on Nehru to please MoDistorter, Law Minister should focus on rectifying a legal system that frees those convicted of murder and gang rape. He should be more anguished by these than defaming Nehru!" Jairam Ramesh, Congress general secretary, tweeted in an apparent reference to the Bilkis Bano gang-rape case.

In his piece, Mr. Rijiju also said that Nehru let the "myth" of a UN-mandated plebiscite perpetuate and created the "divisive" Article 370 of the Constitution. "Nehru rejected Maharaja Hari Singh's plea to accede to India not just once but thrice," he claimed.

Scholar Purushottam Agrawal, who delivered the Nehru Memorial lecture on Monday, said, "The proposition sent by Maharaja Hari Singh in July was not for accession but for standstill. He had sent the proposal for a standstill not only to India but also to Pakistan." "In an effort to troll Nehru, you [Mr. Rijiju] have forgotten the difference between standstill and accession. This is not good. The Kashmir policy of Nehru was not his but his government's policy."

PM to restart poll campaign in Gujarat from Nov. 19

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to resume poll campaigning in his home State of Gujarat from November 19.

Mr. Modi is scheduled to address eight rallies over three days across the State.

On November 6, the Prime Minister kick-started the campaign by holding a rally in Mota Pondha in south Gujarat. Since March this year, Mr. Modi has held almost 30 rallies and led roadshows across the State in the run-up to the Assembly election.

This time also, he will start the campaign in south Gujarat. He will address a rally in Valsad. On November 20, he will visit the Somnath Mandir and then hold four rallies in the Saurashtra region.

Mr. Modi will then head to Ahmedabad and stay overnight at the Raj Bhavan. The following day on November 21, he will address rallies in Surendranagar, Jambusar and Navsari.

Rahul among Cong. star campaigners for Gujarat election

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rahul Gandhi

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and former party chiefs Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi are among the 40 star campaigners for the Gujarat Assembly election, the party announced on Tuesday.

Mr. Gandhi, who has been leading the Bharat Jodo Yatra, did not campaign in Himachal Pradesh, where election was held recently.

The key campaigners include Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, his Chhattisgarh counterpart, Bhupesh Baghel, AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Kerala leader Ramesh Chennithala, and former Chief Ministers Digvijaya Singh, Kamal Nath, Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Ashok Chavan.

Former Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot, Gujarat AICC in-charge of party affairs Raghu Sharma and party leaders Shatisinh Gohil, Jagdish Thakor, Sukhram Rathva, Bharatsinh Solanki, Arjun Mothvadia and Jignesh Mevani will also campaign.

Under attack for a low-key campaign in the State, the Congress claimed that its silent campaign was going on. "Our campaign in Gujarat is a robust one, is a strong one, it is continuing," party spokesperson Anshul Avijit said.

"The Gujarat model of development is an extreme failure, it is a corrupted model, distorted and contorted model of development. The model is that you benefit a few industrialists and leave behind the rest and that leads to a lot of inequity," he added.

Mainpuri bypoll: BJP to field Raghuraj Singh Shakya

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

The BJP on Tuesday named Raghuraj Singh Shakya, a former two-term MP, as its candidate for the Mainpuri Lok Sabha byelection scheduled on December 5. The Samajwadi Party (SP) nominee is Dimple Yadav.

Mr. Shakyawas once a close associate of Shivpal Singh Yadav and has joined the saffron fold after being denied an Assembly ticket by the SP. By making Mr. Shakya its candidate, the BJP is hoping to make a major dent in the non-Yadav (OBC) vote base. The Shakyas constitute the second largest community after the Yadavs in the Mainpuri.

The BJP also named its candidates for bypoll to Rampur and Khatauli constituencies which became vacant after the disqualification of Azam Khan and Vikram Saini.

The party has fielded Akash Saxena and Rajkumari Saini from Rampur and Khatauli, respectively.

Senior Congress functionary speaks out against old pension scheme

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In the middle of the Gujarat Assembly election campaign, where the Congress has promised government employees that it would bring back the old pension scheme, a senior party functionary has questioned the move.

Praveen Chakravarty, who heads the data analytics department of the Congress, took to Twitter to air his differences. "Out of 6.5 crore (65 mn) people in Gujarat, about 3 lakh (300k) are in govt. service. The old pension scheme will cost roughly 15% of tax revenues. Why should the top 0.5% of people get 15% of all taxpayers' money as post-retirement pension? @APanagariya is right to question," Mr. Chakravarty said in a tweet.

He also shared a screenshot of a recent interview of former NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Arvind Panagariya, in which the economist said that it was "sinful" to revert back to the old scheme.

Mr. Chakravarty's tweet reflected a divide within the Congress over the pension scheme promise. In the recently concluded Himachal Pradesh Assembly election, reverting to the old pension scheme was the main poll plank of the party. The party's main campaigner, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, in her rallies, had promised to revert to the scheme, if the party came to power in the hill State.

While former party chief Rahul Gandhi too had tweeted in favour of the scheme in Himachal, the Congress-ruled Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh have already announced their decision to revert to the scheme for retirement benefits last year.

However, with voices against the scheme coming from within the Congress, the BJP is likely to use it to their advantage in Gujarat.

Four party leaders appointed to Congress president's office

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday appointed four party leaders, including Rajya Sabha member Syed Nasir Hussain, as coordinators attached to his office.

The other coordinators are Pranav Jha, Gurdeep Singh Sappal and Gaurav Pandhi.

These were the first appointments in the office of the new party president. While Mr. Sappal has been a former officer on special duty to Vice-President of India Hamid Ansari, Mr. Jha was the AICC secretary in the communications department.

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INBRIEF

India in climate battle despite less emissions: Bhupender

India is undertaking an arduous effort to fight climate change despite accounting for less than four per cent of the world's cumulative emissions so far, Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said on Tuesday. Delivering the national statement at the UN climate summit in Egypt, Mr. Yadav said The Minister pointed out that the country had embarked on far-reaching new initiatives in renewable energy, e-mobility, ethanol blended fuels, and green hydrogen as an alternative energy source.Mr. Yadav underscored that Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), launched on October 20 in the presence of UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, is at the heart of India's vision of a safe planet. PTI

IRCTC customises food menu to suit passengers' need

The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) now has the flexibility to customise the food menu by including regional cuisines and seasonal food as well as serve food suitable for diabetics, babies and health-conscious passengers, the Ministry of Railways said in New Delhi on Tuesday. "The Ministry of Railways has decided to give the IRCTC flexibility to customise the menu so as to include the items of regional cuisines and preferences, seasonal delicacies, requirement during festivals, food items as per the preferences of different group of passengers such as diabetic food, baby food, etc.," an official statement said.

Air India agrees to give refunds for cancellation

Air India on Tuesday expressed its "regret" over its failure to ensure timely refunds for flight cancellations and rescheduling during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic after the U.S. government ordered it to pay $121.5 million in refunds, along with a penalty of $1.4 million. The delayed refunds pertain to the period before the government sold the national carrier to Tata Sons in January. Air India is among the six airlines that have agreed to pay a total of over $600 million as refunds, in addition to penalties imposed on them, the U.S. Department of Transportation said on Monday in a press statement.

NCW aims to provide digital literacy to women

Seeking to empower women digitally, the National Commission for Women (NCW) is expanding the ambit of its cybersecurity programme to enable women on using the digital space to enhance their career prospects, and use technology to their advantage. The NCW on Tuesday, launched the latest 4.0 version of its 'Digital Shakti' programme, which was dedicated to teach women to be safe online. "Major focus would be on skilling women. There is a huge skill gap among women," said Major Vineet Kumar, founder and global president of the CyberPeace Foundation, which is partnering with the NCW and Meta to implement the programme.

All in a day's haul: exotic primates, Burmese areca nuts, drugs, cigarettes seized in Assam

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The police in Hailakandi and Cachar districts of southern Assam seized seven exotic primates and narcotic drugs estimated at ₹10 crore on Monday. The same day, the Cachar police seized Burmese areca nuts and foreign-made cigarettes, both illegal commodities.

Barring the drugs seized from a house, the others had come in trucks from Mizoram, the police said. "The seven primates, all black, were crammed in four boxes measuring 2x1.5 ft. We brought veterinarians to check their health before handing them over to Forest Department officials," Superintendent of Police, Hailakandi, Nabaneet Mahanta told *The Hindu* on Tuesday.

Timely rescue: Two primates seized in Assam. They were destined for Siliguri, as 175 species seized in the State since September.

"Wildlife officials have not been able to identify the species, but said they were endangered and not Indian," he said.

Two arrested

Mr. Mahanta said two persons were arrested for smuggling in the animals. One of them was the truck driver identified as Rakesh Debbarma from Tripura. "The two said they were paid to deliver the primates to someone in Shillong, from where another unknown person was to have taken the consignment," he added.

The destination of the animals, like at least 175 other exotic mammals, reptiles and birds seized in Assam since September, was Siliguri in northern West Bengal for delivery to private zoos and amusement parks, the police said. The Assam police said all loaded trucks from Mizoram were thoroughly checked at the State boundary. Of late, the police have focused on seemingly empty trucks that are modified with hidden chambers that escapes the untrained eye. The primates were in a large truck in boxes that had the same colour scheme as the inside of the vehicle.

Hours before the primates were rescued, the Cachar police seized 54,000 tablets of Yaba, a narcotic drug, from the residence of one Abdul Razzak in Chandipur village in the Lakhipur police station limits. The man was arrested along with Nazim Uddin of Thoubal in Manipur who delivered the tablets.

"We were tracking the drug supply chain for a long time. We are now tracking the backward and forward links of the arrested duo and the confiscated drugs," Superintendent of Police, Cachar, Numal Mahatta said

The police at Lailapur in in Cachar district seized two trucks and seized 3,505 kg of Burmese areca nuts. Two people were arrested.

Another truck intercepted at the same spot yielded 25 cartons of foreign-made cigarettes, each carton containing 50 packets. One person was arrested in this connection.

Heads of Meta public policy, WhatsApp India resign

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Meta on Tuesday saw two high-profile exits with WhatsApp India head Abhijit Bose and Meta's public policy head Rajiv Aggarwal resigning from their positions.

The development comes within a week of Meta announcing cutting down 11,000 jobs globally.

The company, in a statement, said Shivnath Thukral, director of WhatsApp Public Policy, India, had been appointed director, public policy, Meta India.

In a post on the professional networking site LinkedIn, Mr. Bose said he plans to join the "entrepreneurial world" after a small break and this would be announced shortly.

Govt. plans to hike RCS levy, airfares to go up from April

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

From April next year, a component of your airfare that helps the government fund its regional connectivity scheme (RCS or UDAN) will be increased three times. According to a government order on October 21, airlines will have to pay an RCS levy per departure of ₹10,000 instead of the current ₹5,000 from January 1 to March 31, 2023. This will be further revised to ₹15,000 from April 1, 2023 to April 30, 2027.

This is the first hike in the levy.

Airlines, in turn, charge passengers an amount of ₹50 as part of the total air fare, along with other fare components that include the User Development Fee (UDF) and Passenger Service Fee, which are paid to the airport and the CISF.

The RCS levy is used to help the government provide a subsidy to those carriers that connect tier-2 and -3 cities and offer 50% of their seats at discounted rates under the government's RCS scheme.

A government official said that the move was necessitated because the number of routes under the RCS are increasing, and the scheme is a self-financing one without any allocation from the government towards the subsidy.

As Chinese student strength falls in U.S., Indians fill the gap

New student arrivals from India now at a record high surpassing China; 82,000 Indian students received their visas from June to August this year

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A steady decline in the number of Chinese students in the U.S., the largest group of foreign students in America, has opened up opportunities for Indian students as the top global destination for higher education seeks to fill the gap in international enrolments post pandemic.

Though the number of students from nearly all source countries grew in the U.S. for the first time since the pandemic during the 2021-22 academic session, China was among the few exceptions.

For the second consecutive year, the number of Chinese students in the U.S. declined by 8.6% in 2021-22 to 2.9 lakh, according to Open Doors 2022 report on international students brought out by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

In 2020-21, China reported a decline of 14.8%. The latest enrolment figures from China are the lowest since 2014-15.

High in numbers: Indians in the U.S. universities have grown by 19% in 2021-22 and reached 1.99 lakh, says a report. FILE PHOTO

A consistent decline from China, which accounts for the largest number of foreign students in the U.S. at 30%, is good news for students from the second largest source country – India, which accounts for 21% of the foreign students in the U.S.

The number of Indian students in U.S. universities has grown by 19% to 1.99 lakh in 2021-22, a year after all source countries reported a decline in number of students in the U.S.

As this figure is only half the pre-COVID enrolments from China, the universities and colleges have their task cut out to attract students from other student markets to earn tuition revenue. This is reflected in the number of new student arrivals from India, which now surpass those from China – a trend seen recently in other key destinations for foreign education such as Australia.

In June-August 2022, the peak admission season, a total of 82,000 student visas were issued to Indians, the highest number globally. This is up from 62,000 visas last year.

A total of 50,000 visas were issued to Chinese students this summer, against 1.1 lakh last summer, Donald L. Heflin, Minister Counsellor for Consular Affairs said.

Delhi murder: police find body parts in forest

Arnabjit Sur
NEW DELHI

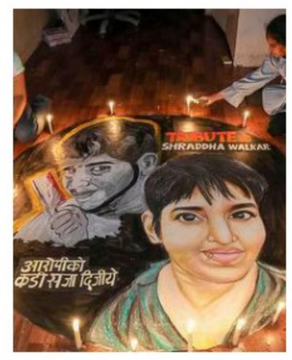
"He must be hanged if he has killed my daughter so brutally," said the father of 27-year-old Shraddha Walkar, who was strangled and chopped into multiple pieces allegedly by her live-in partner Aftab Poonawalla in the Chattarpur area of south Delhi in May. The crime came to light in November after the victim's father filed a complaint with the Mumbai Police, who then contacted the Delhi Police.

Poonawalla, 28, was arrested at his house on November 11. According to the police, he allegedly strangulated Walkar with his hands on May 18, in a fit of rage after an argument. He then chopped the body into 35 pieces and hid it in his fridge, disposing them of in the Chattarpur forest, hardly a kilometre from his house, over the next three months.

The police recovered 13 body parts on Monday and sent them for forensic analysis.

On Tuesday, the police officials took Poonawala to the Chattarpur forest and spent nearly three hours there to locate where he had allegedly dumped her body parts, and to recreate the crime scene to understand the sequence of events. Blood samples will also be collected from the victim's parents for the DNA analysis, the police said. The victim's father, Vikas Walkar, who is now in Delhi, said that he had not been in touch with his daughter after she left Mumbai for Delhi and only got to know that she was missing after her friends told him. "She left abruptly and I did not know anything about her. Her friends did tell me that she was not in a good mental state and wanted to break up with Aftab...," he said.

"Her demeanour suddenly changed after meeting Aftab. She was ambitious, but I don't know how did she change so suddenly. Once she left Bombay with Aftab, she stopped talking to us and we did not know anything about her," he added.



Students pay tributes to Shraddha Walker in Mumbai on Tuesday. PTI

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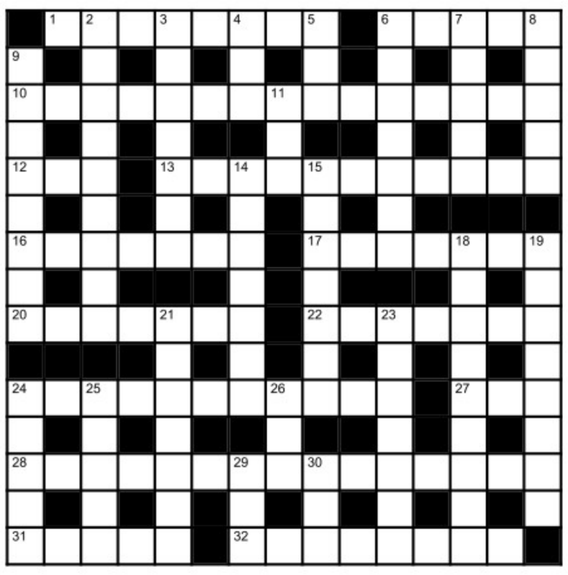

Across

1 Timeless stuff! Leader of liberals and his strange modern Indian lingo! (8)
6 Dumping the starter, rush for the hot main course (5)
10 Basic assumptions made by founders of schools, say (5,10)
12 Join on promotion day (3)
13 Inefficiencies of one stupid teen in action (11)
16 Doctor caught consuming cold drink (7)
17 July's session features one of the American Civil War heroes (7)
20 UK Bank ATM terminal upended inside resort (7)
22 Time not available? Grabs an Indian dress for Queen (7)
24 The smart CEO created device to measure rate of progress (11)
27 Time consuming effort to get cream (3)
28 Song not yet set into notes by a composer? Something like 'i' (9,6)
31 Fate of King Rama - struggles (5)
32 Relishes cold shack with half-chutes (8)

Down

2 Shining one, royal couple and a princess mostly ahead of time (9)
3 Tax on piece of jewellery and dress worn by strip teasers (1-6)
4 Some ship records carrying trademark for example (3)
5 People from China are mostly helpful (3)
6 Cheap neighbour, almost regularly in tizzy (7)
7 Are you guided or controlled? (5)
8 Approvals seen in eyes especially (5)
9 Switch positions intermittently (3,3,2)
11 Devil starts to implement master plan (3)
14 Allow this worthy male fancy for little earthy women! (7)
15 Steward damaged iron during start of a hole (7)
18 Spooner's person delivering goods (edible protein-rich seed) for serviceman (6,3)
19 Nobody has short shopping centre forays regularly (5,3)
21 Master returned, ate bread and some steamy stuff (7)
23 City of Nassau rebuilt with love (7)
24 Opening time for Conservative figure (5)
25 Professor's cold and hot style (5)
26 No banks look at a sailor (3)
29 Part of polar circle (3)
30 Unknown universal love bridges people (3)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Steadfastness in devotion

The cycle of our life may change but we should remain unchanged in showing our devotion to God. Tossing up poor into rich or vice versa, God may test our steadfastness. Sudhama studied with Krishna at Santhipini gurukula knowing Krishna as the Lord, and had a great respect and devotion towards Him. In one of the classes, when the Guru started teaching about Brahmam, the supreme Being, all other students were looking down at the book in search of it, but Sudhama looked at Lord Krishna.

Sudhama was ever thinking of the Lord and chanting His names even after separating from the gurukula. He was very poor and wore torn clothes, and thus was called Kusela. He did not have enough means to support his family and so his wife insisted he go to see Lord Krishna. Kusela refused and told her that I am keeping Him in my heart and seeing through the mind. But finally he yielded and set out. He did not have anything to offer to Krishna, but after a great struggle managed to get just a handful of flattened rice.

On way to Dwaraka, the fragile Kusela was telling himself whether Krishna would recognise him and allow this poor personality in the palace. But very contrary to his thoughts, Krishna transcended from the throne, received Kusela, and extended him a warm welcome.

The poor Sudhama had no expectation, asked for nothing from Krishna, and returned back. Meanwhile, things changed in Sudhama's house and he was bestowed with all wealth and prosperity by the Lord. Sudhama, however, remained unchanged in his devotion towards Krishna, said Sri Rajagopal Hari in a discourse.

ISTANBUL

Turkey registers more arrests in connection with deadly bombing

The Turkish police have apprehended more suspects in connection with the bombing of a bustling pedestrian avenue in Istanbul that killed six persons and wounded several dozen others, bringing the number of people in custody to 50. The detained include a Syrian woman suspected of leaving a TNT-laden bomb at the blast site. AFP

JERUSALEM

U.S. probe into journalist's death an 'important step': Abu Akleh family

The family of Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, who was likely killed by an Israeli soldier, on Tuesday praised a U.S. decision to open a probe into her death. "This is an important step," a statement from the Palestinian-American family said, voicing hope for a "truly independent, credible and thorough probe". AFP

HAVANA

Cuba and U.S. to conduct a second round of migration talks in Havana

Cuba and the U.S. will hold another round of migration talks on Tuesday in Havana as the two countries grapple with a crisis that has seen record-breaking numbers of Cubans enter the U.S. Migration talks between the two countries resumed in April, the first of its kind in four years after Donald Trump's presidency. REUTERS

MALE

Maldives arrests 14 for alleged bomb plot tied to Islamic State

The police in the Maldives arrested 14 persons allegedly working with foreign extremists to carry out a bombing in the tiny archipelago state. The suspects had been working with the Islamic State group and apparently planning an attack with the intent of killing many people, the nation's counterterrorism head said. AP

In Israel's foreign policy calculus, Iran looms large

Besides the nuclear programme, Iran has cultivated a network of militias across West Asia, from Hezbollah in Lebanon to Islamic Jihad in Gaza, who are spreading instability, say Israeli diplomats

Stanly Johny
JERUSALEM

A continuing nuclear programme, support for militant groups in the region such as Hezbollah and direct military assistance for Russia in the Ukraine war – as Iran continues to flex its muscles, both in West Asia and beyond, Israel sees a "survival challenge", say diplomatic and military officials.

"Besides the nuclear programme, their negative influence on the Middle East is prevalent," Alon Lavi, a deputy spokesperson at Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told a group of visiting Indian journalists. "The Islamic Jihad of Gaza, Hezbollah of Lebanon, the Shia militias in Syria and the Houthis in Yemen – they all are funded by Iran. They are promoting instability across the Middle East," Mr. Lavi said.

Of these groups, Israeli officials say, Hezbollah, which possesses more than 1,00,000 rockets, poses the strongest threat. "Hezbollah is a tough enemy. I give them a lot of respect. They have very good military equipment. They are very well-trained," said a Brigadier General in the Israeli Defence Forces, requesting anonymity. "The next war with Hezbollah would be disastrous for both sides," Mr. Lavi said.

Giant opponent: Hezbollah, which possesses more than 1,00,000 rockets, is considered one of the strongest threats by Israel. AFP

If Hezbollah has already established a strong military presence along Israel's northern border with Lebanon, the Syrian civil war has brought pro-Iran forces closer to its Syria border.

Hezbollah and other Iran-trained Shia militias fought alongside the regime forces of President Bashar al-Assad under the air cover of Russia in the civil war. In recent years, Israel has carried out multiple airstrikes inside Syria, targeting Iran-backed groups and Iranian supplies. Israel's goal is to roll back Iran's influence from its border region with Syria. But it also meant that Israel has to maintain a sound relationship with Russia, which practically controls Syria's airspace.

'Border with Russia'

"Israel has a joint border with Russia," Mr. Lavi said, explaining why Israel has taken a cautious position on the Ukraine war.

"Russia can make it painful for us in Syria. Until now, Russia turned a blind eye to Israel's actions in Syria. If they don't turn a blind eye, our freedom of activity in Syria would be more complicated. So we need the Russians," said a senior Israeli diplomat, who did not wish to be named. "When Putin was really down, Iran came forward to help him. They are going to be rewarded by the Russians. That's a concern for us." The diplomat, however, said not everything is bleak for Israel in the region. "You look at the strategic map – there are chances and challenges. The Abraham Accords is a great opportunity. The maritime agreement with Lebanon and the restoration of ties with Turkey are also positives."

There are three superpowers in the region – Iran, Turkey and Israel, said the diplomat. "None of them are Arabs. Of these, Iran is a great challenge, while we managed to shift Turkey from a challenge to a chance."

"We can manage the Palestinian challenge, but if Iran manages to reach the nuclear threshold status, it becomes a survival challenge for us," he added. "Israel is determined to oppose Iran's agendas for the region. And it's not just Israel. Sunni Arab states are with us in dealing with Iran. If the nuclear talks fail and no other agreement replaces the JCPOA (the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, the 2015 nuclear deal), we should look for non-diplomatic options."

The writer was in Jerusalem on an invitation from Israel's Foreign Ministry

Blackout in many Ukraine cities after Russian strikes

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Missile strikes hit cities across Ukraine on Tuesday, plunging seven million homes into darkness just days after a humiliating Russian retreat, prompting a defiant response from President Volodymyr Zelensky.

Seven million homes were without power, the presidency said, as world leaders gather at a G-20 summit expected to tackle the violence engulfing Ukraine.

Lviv in the west and Kharkiv in the east were also attacked on Tuesday, authorities said, with Lviv's mayor reporting 80% of the city was without power.

Mr. Zelensky said that Russia had fired 85 missiles at energy facilities across the country.

Mounting woes: Policemen securing the perimeter of a site in Kyiv where a Russian missile fragment fell on Tuesday. AFP

Moldova, which borders Ukraine, reported power cuts because of the missiles fired at its neighbour.

Meanwhile, leaders of the G-20 nations were considering a draft resolution on Tuesday in which most members strongly condemn the war in Ukraine and stress it is exacerbating fragilities in the global economy, diplomats said. "There were other views and different assessments of the situation and sanctions," the 16-page draft declaration said. It has not been adopted by the leaders and is likely to be opposed by Russia. A decisionwas unlikely before Wednesday.

Kyiv's terms for talks are unrealistic, says Lavrov

Agence France-Presse
NUSA DUA

Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Tuesday that Ukraine's conditions for restarting talks with Moscow were "unrealistic," speaking at the G-20 summit where pressure was mounting on Russia to end the conflict.

"All problems are with the Ukrainian side, which is categorically refusing negotiations and putting forward conditions that are obviously unrealistic," Mr. Lavrov told reporters.

"We want to see concrete evidence that the West is seriously interested in disciplining Zelensky and explaining to him that this cannot continue, that this is not in the interests of the Ukrainian people," the Foreign Minister added.

Australia and China hold rare summit

Agence France-Presse
NUSA DUA

Chinese President Xi Jinping called for soured relations with Australia to "improve" and "develop" on Tuesday, as the two countries held a first formal summit in more than five years.

After years of animosity that hampered trade ties, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said the meeting had been "positive and constructive".

The talks lasted just 32 minutes and took place on the margins of a G-20 summit in Bali, but signalled a major diplomatic shift.

Former Chinese envoy to India appointed Vice Foreign Minister

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China's envoy in India who last month completed a three-year tenure in New Delhi has been appointed a Vice Foreign Minister in Beijing, the government announced on Tuesday.

Sun Weidong, who spent a little over three years in India as the Chinese Ambassador, was named as Vice Foreign Minister in an announcement from the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, reported by the Communist Party-run *Global Times*.

Sun Weidong

As Vice Foreign Minister, Mr. Sun will be Beijing's key point-man on India and will report to the Foreign Minister, Wang Yi. There are three other Vice FMs in the Ministry.

The appointment was expected as the post of envoy to India is one of 10 overseas posts of Vice Ministerial rank, along with posts in the U.S., the U.K. and Japan. Mr. Sun's predecessor in India, Luo Zhaohui, was also appointed a Vice FM on completing his assignment. Mr. Sun is likely to helm India affairs for the Chinese Foreign Ministry in President Xi Jinping's third term following an expected reshuffle in the Chinese Foreign Ministry in coming months.

At last month's Party Congress, the current Foreign Minister Wang Yi, whose term ends in March 2023, was promoted to the 25-member Politburo.

Two killed, four injured in West Bank stabbing

Associated Press
JERUSALEM

A Palestinian killed two Israelis and wounded four others in an attack in a settlement in the occupied West Bank on Tuesday before he was shot and killed by Israeli security personnel, Israeli paramedics and Palestinian officials said.

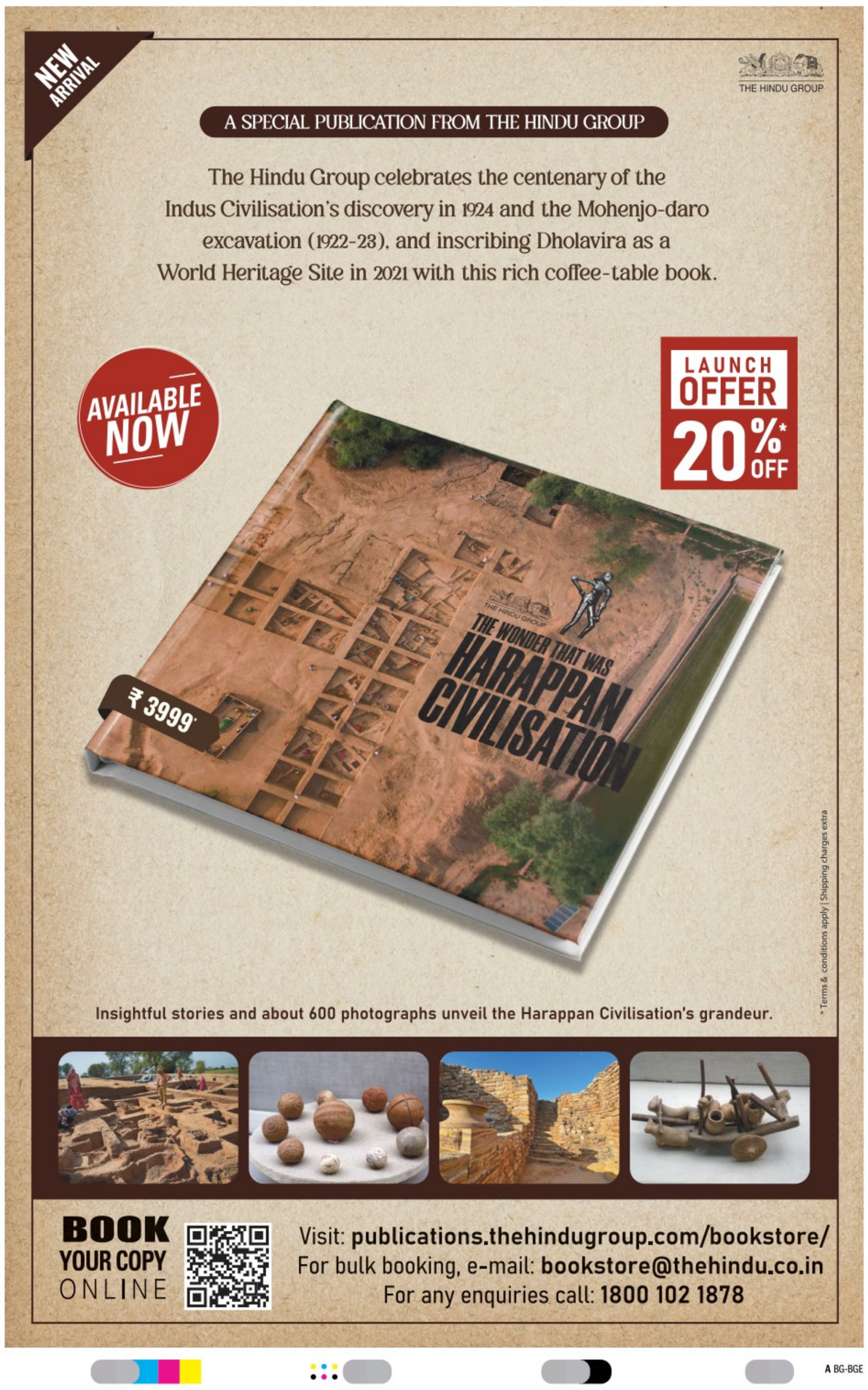
The Magen David Adom paramedic service confirmed the two were killed in the settlement of Ariel. The four wounded were hospitalised in serious condition.

The Israeli military said the Palestinian attacked Israelis at the entrance to the settlement's industrial zone, then proceeded to a nearby gas station and stabbed more people there.

Initial reports by Israeli news outlets said the attacker was trying to flee the scene and drove a car onto the adjacent highway, collided with oncoming traffic, then fled the vehicle.

Amateur video aired on Israeli television appeared to show the suspected attacker running down a highway and collapsing to the ground after he was shot.

There was no immediate word on his motive for the stabbing and no militant group has claimed responsibility for the attack.



INBRIEF

SBI raises lending rate by up to 15 bps across tenors

State Bank of India has raised the marginal cost of funds-based lending rate (MCLR) by 15 basis points across tenors, with effect from November 15, 2022. The benchmark one-year MCLR has been raised by 10 basis points (bps) to 8.05%, as against 7.95% earlier. The two- and three-year MCLRs have been raised by 10 bps each to 8.25% and 8.35%, respectively, SBI said. PTI

Kotak arm secures $500 mn from ADIA for real estate fund

Kotak Investment Advisors Ltd., (KIAL) Kotak Mahindra Group's asset management arm, said it secured a $500-million investment from a unit of UAE-based Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) for its $1-billion real estate fund. 'The new platform is primarily targeted at the significant demand for housing in India driven by sustained economic growth and a shortage of urban housing clusters," said Mohamed AlQubaisi, ED, ADIA's real estate department. REUTERS

SEBI tweaks rules to appoint, remove independent directors

Capital markets regulator SEBI has introduced a new option for appointment and removal of independent directors from the boards of companies, a move that will provide flexibility to such a process. Under this, the appointment and removal of independent directors could be done by way of two parameters - threshold for ordinary resolution and threshold for majority of minority shareholders. SEBI has amended LODR (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) rules, according to a notification made public by the regulator on Tuesday. PTI

Nine Russian banks open vostro accounts for ₹ trade

Russia is first country to facilitate ₹-based export-import transactions, says Commerce Secretary Barthwal; working with the Department of Financial Services, RBI, traders to expedite adoption

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Russia is the only country to engage with India's rupee-based trade offer for now, and nine Russian banks have been permitted to open special vostro accounts to pave the way for such export-import transactions, said Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal.

"For rupee trade to happen, you require a balance of trade because it is not an international currency," Mr. Barthwal explained on Tuesday. "So if there is a balance of trade, it can flourish... as of now, it is with Russia only," he said.

"We want to promote rupee trade because it is in the nation's interest and unnecessarily, we won't have to look for dollars," he noted, adding that the Ministry was working with the Department of Financial Services, the central bank and traders to expedite its adoption.

Among the nine Russian banks, Gazprombank had opened an account with Kolkata-based UCO Bank, while six others had opened an account with private lender IndusInd Bank. The central bank, Mr. Barthwal said, had to issue some guidelines to move the process forward.

"For rupee trade, first the importer has to put some money into the trade account. Then only can exporters set it off against their exports. So it is a process. Let us wait for some more time... I am sure it will move forward with the guidelines issued by the RBI and us," he added.

Russia calling

Russian banks have been permitted to open vostro accounts

- The vostro account will enable an importer to remit rupee funds into it
- Russia's Gazprombank has opened an account with UCO Bank
- Six other Russian banks have opened vostro accounts with IndusInd Bank

'Mull using insolvency court to shut sick units'

Reuters

India has asked state-owned firms to consider moving the country's insolvency court to shut loss-making units, as the government looks to trim its public sector holdings.

Public sector companies will have to file an insolvency application under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code for the resolution of a loss-making unit within three months of approval from a committee comprising top cabinet ministers, according to guidelines released on Monday.

The government is looking to close loss-making units in nearly nine months from the day a firm seeks approval to do so.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	61,873	0.40
US Dollar	80.91	0.45
Gold	53,275	0.80
Brent oil	93.32	-1.12

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	4057.80	35.25
Adani Ports	906.90	11.85
Apollo Hosp	4611.95	55.25
Asian Paints	3079.30	26.10
Axis Bank	858.65	7.65
Bajaj Auto	3764.15	38.15
Bajaj Finserv	1708.50	-9.85
Bajaj Finance	7025.75	-0.05
Bharti Airtel	835.25	13.35
BPCL	308.90	1.25
Britannia Ind	4139.35	35.40
Cipla	1118.75	-10.75
Coal India	232.15	-15.05
Divis Lab	3326.60	50.90
Dr Reddys Lab	4433.70	70.05
Eicher Motors	3507.95	-8.65
Grasim Ind	1733.50	-15.00
HCL Tech	1103.90	4.90
HDFC	2675.50	13.95
HDFC Bank	1619.00	3.95
HDFC Life	532.90	-5.95
Hero MotoCorp	2730.75	42.35
Hindalco	456.90	1.35
Hind Unilever	2457.50	-0.30
ICICI Bank	911.70	16.75
IndusInd Bank	1152.85	-0.10
Infosys	1594.00	8.70
ITC	345.25	-1.95
JSW Steel	722.35	2.95
Kotak Bank	1912.40	-10.40
L&T	1996.55	-3.25
M&M	1291.70	13.55
Maruti Suzuki	9162.20	9.85
NestleIndia	20055.55	-9.65
NTPC	172.10	0.65
ONGC	142.35	3.10
PowerGrid Corp	216.00	4.65
Reliance Ind	2607.30	-11.75
SBI Life	1259.30	10.70
State Bank	600.85	8.30
Sun Pharma	1016.05	-0.85
TataConsumerProduct	772.75	5.00
Tata Motors	437.15	3.45
Tata Steel	108.55	-0.15
TCS	3332.60	-2.90
Tech Mahindra	1066.95	1.60
Titan	2656.65	26.85
UltraTech Cement	6964.55	110.15
UPL	770.25	-3.80
Wipro	397.15	0.60

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 15

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	80.90	81.22
Euro	84.17	84.51
British Pound	95.99	96.39
Japanese Yen (100)	58.07	58.32
Chinese Yuan	11.49	11.54
Swiss Franc	85.96	86.30
Singapore Dollar	59.06	59.31
Canadian Dollar	60.83	61.08
Malaysian Ringitt	17.80	17.88
Australian Dollar	54.54	54.76

Source:Indian Bank

Das to meet CEOs of banks today to discuss slow deposit growth

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NEW DELHI

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das will hold a meeting with CEOs of public sector banks on Wednesday to discuss issues concerning slow deposit growth and sustainability of high credit demand.

According to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, deposits rose by 9.6% compared with 10.2% on a year-on-year basis, while credit offtake witnessed a jump of 17.9% as against 6.5% a year earlier.

According to an agenda circulated for the meeting, sources said, sustainability, including pricing and slow growth of deposits, would be discussed.

Shaktikanta Das

There would be deliberation on asset quality in the retail and MSME segment, sources said.

Besides, the meeting would also review the functioning of Digital Banking Units unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi last month.

The robust growth performance in the first half of the current fiscal has been ably supported by a well-capitalised banking system that witnessed an upswing in credit disbursement to the retail, industry and services segments.

The growth in credit to industries has been driven by an increase in bank credit to MSMEs aided by the ECLG scheme.

India said to plan fix to capital gains tax

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India is planning changes to its capital gains tax structure in the next budget, seeking to bring parity among tax rates and holding periods for investments across equity, debt and immovable property.

No uniformity

Currently, asset classes are not taxed uniformly and have different holding periods for levying capital gains tax, which needs to be aligned, an official involved in the process said on condition of anonymity.

The government has received several proposals from the industry to simplify the capital gains tax structure, and changes are expected in the Budget for 2023/24, the official said without disclosing more details as discussions are confidential.

India taxes investment gains based on a lock-in or holding period.

Investment in a property held for less than two years is considered short-term and taxed at the income tax rate applicable to an individual.

Mills bargain, default on sugar export deals as curbs buoy prices

Reuters
MUMBAI

Indian sugar mills have been renegotiating and defaulting on contracts to supply 4,00,000 tonnes of the sweetener to overseas buyers as prices jumped after the government cut this year's export quota, five dealers told Reuters.

The renegotiations and defaults by mills in India, the world's second biggest sugar exporter, could support global prices.

Mills started selling sugar to trade houses in late August and signed deals to supply about 2 million tonnes of sugar for export even before New Delhi approved an export quota of 6 million tonnes earlier this month.

Trade houses sold sugar

to overseas buyers after signing purchase agreements with the mills, said a New-Delhi based dealer with a global trade house.

"They [trade houses] are now stuck. They can't renegotiate or default like mills. They have a reputation and to maintain that they have to incur losses on these deals," he said.

Indian mills have so far signed contracts to export 4 MT during November to February, dealers said.

ONGC Q2 net falls 30% to ₹12,826 cr. on windfall tax woes

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

ONGC Director (Finance) Pomila Jaspal said the firm paid ₹6,400 crore as special additional excise duty

India's top oil and gas producer ONGC reported a 30% fall in September quarter net profit after the government brought a new tax on windfall profits arising from a spurt in international energy prices.

Net profit of ₹12,825.99 crore, or ₹10.20 a share, in July-September 2022-23 is compared with ₹18,347.73 crore, or ₹14.58 per share net profit in the same period a year earlier, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) said in a statement.

Profit fell 15.6% over the preceding June quarter when it had reported ₹15,205.85 crore net profit.

Net profit fell despite the company's gross billing for crude oil it produced soaring 37.7% to $95.49 per barrel in July-September from $69.36 a barrel a year back.

At an investor call, ONGC Director (Finance) Pomila Jaspal said the firm paid ₹6,400 crore as special additional excise duty (SAED) in the quarter.

The ONGC board approved an interim dividend of ₹6.75 on each equity share of ₹5. The total payout will be ₹8,492 crore, the majority of it going to the government.

'TII will unveil electric heavy commercial vehicles by Dec., in talks for FAME coverage'

N. Anand
CHENNAI

Tube Investments of India Ltd. (TII) is planning to unveil electric heavy commercial vehicles next month, followed by small electric tractors, said executive vice chairman Vellayan Subbiah.

This will be the Murugappa Group's second electric vehicle venture, the first being an e-three wheeler under the Montra brand in September.

As part of its strategy to pursue opportunities in clean mobility, TII's subsidiary TI Clean Mobility Pvt. Ltd. had acquired

Vellayan Subbiah

65.2% equity stake in Gurgaon-based IPLTech Electric (IPLT) in September. The firm manufactures electric heavy commercial vehicles.

Initially, TII plans to sell a limited number of trucks - about 30 to 50 a month, Mr. Subbiah had said during an earnings call.

Stating that there had been tremendous response in terms of interest in the new product, he said the company was working on a new facility that would be ready by Q1 of FY24 and enable them to produce higher volumes.

In January, TII had acquired Hyderabad-based Cellestial e-Mobility, a firm that makes electric tractors. TII would be unveiling small tractors either in the last quarter of this year or in Q1 of FY24, he added.

On whether electric heavy commercial vehicles and tractors should be brought under the Centre's Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric and Hybrid Vehicles in India (FAME) scheme, Mr. Subbiah said, "We're in active conversations with the government on this."

The company had an arrangement for financing for trucks and was looking to develop two more, while for tractors, TII had two tie-ups, he said.

K.K. Paul, MD, TI Clean Mobility, said the new vehicles would initially be rolled out in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, and gradually to other States in the first quarter of next year.

They have the talent, but will the Dutch finally achieve the ultimate glory?

Senegal, the Africa Cup of Nations winner, has a strong reason to believe in its strength and ability; Ecuador will look to carry on its form from the qualifiers; host Qatar's aim will be to cause a few upsets in its first appearance at the global extravaganza

FIFA WC COUNTDOWN

Amitabha Das Sharma

With the 2022 FIFA World Cup all set to kick off in Qatar on November 20, *The Hindu* analyses the teams and groups.

In Group A, the Netherlands looks certain to sail into the knockouts. The Dutch are back after missing out on the 2018 edition and will try to make their presence count this time.

Despite the legacy of being one of the most talented teams in world football, the Dutch have for long flattered to deceive with three final appearances but no titles. With Louis van Gaal helming the squad once more, fans will be hope that the jinx will be broken this time.

The fight for second spot is likely to see an intense duel, where host Qatar will try to carry on its form as the Asian champion and spring a surprise.

Qatar's opener against Ecuador will be the first big test of its true strength. The South Americans impressed everyone with their performance tallying the highest ever goal figures (27) in its qualification campaign.

Factfile GROUP A

NETHERLANDS
Appearances: 10
Matches: 50
Goals: 86
Ranking: 8
Best performance: Runner-up in 1974, 1978, 2010
Captain: Virgil van Dijk; Coach: Louis van Gaal; Watch out for: Memphis Depay

SENEGAL
Appearances: 2
Matches: 8
Goals: 11
Ranking: 18
Best performance: Quarterfinal 2002
Captain: Kalidou Koulibaly; Coach: Aliou Cisse; Watch out for: Sadio Mane

ECUADOR
Appearances: 3
Matches: 10
Goals: 10
Ranking: 44
Best performance: Round-of-16 in 2006
Captain: Enner Valencia; Coach: Gustavo Alfaro; Watch out for: Pervis Estupinan

QATAR
Maiden appearance
Ranking: 50
Captain: Hassan Al-Haydos; Coach: Felix Sanchez; Watch out for: Akram Afif

THE NETHERLANDS

Since the disappointment of 2018, the Oranje have seen a remarkable turnaround. Under van Gaal they have won 11 and drawn 15 matches ever since he took over the side in August 2021. The Dutch squad is a good combination of recognised names and exciting talent. With a relatively easy group stage, van Gaal may well dream of helping the team better the third-place finish under him in Brazil in 2014.

SENEGAL

The Africa Cup of Nations winner Senegal has a strong reason to believe in its strength and ability. Senegal is the only team in the new millennium to reach the World Cup main stage as the African champion. A number of its footballers play for top teams in the European leagues and coach Aliou Cisse can pack his side with a sizeable arsenal to challenge any big team. There are a few injury worries with Bouna Sarr ruled out and Sadio Mane likely to miss at least a few matches.

ECUADOR

The team oscillated between hope and despair in the last few months with Chile and Peru raising questions about the nationality of its player Byron Castillo. Ecuador earned a big reprieve when the Court of Arbitration for Sport ruled in its favour with barely 12 days remaining for the tournament. Ecuador is the youngest team to qualify from South America and with Argentine coach Gustavo Alfaro having a nice blend of youth and experience under his command, it will hope to reach the knockouts for the second time after 2006.

QATAR

Making its maiden appearance, Qatar will hope to leave its impression with a memorable performance. Playing under Spanish coach Felix Sanchez for the last five seasons, Qatar has a strong squad and will hope to cause some upsets on the way.

Preparing the table

With the IPL mini-auction to be held in Kochi on December 23, as many as 163 players were retained and 85 were released by the franchises

MUMBAI INDIANS
RELEASED PLAYERS: 13
(Kieron Pollard, Anmolpreet Singh, Aryan Juyal, Basil Thampi, Daniel Sams, Fabian Allen, Jaydev Unadkat, Mayank Markande, M. Ashwin, Rahul Buddhi, Riley Meredith, Sanjay Yadav, Tymal Mills).
Traded in: Jason Behrendorff
Purse remaining: ₹20.55 crore
Overseas slots remaining: 3
Current squad: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Tim David, Suryakumar Yadav, Ishan Kishan, Ramandeep Singh, Tilak Varma, Tristan Stubbs, Dewald Brevis, Jofra Archer, Jasprit Bumrah, Arjun Tendulkar, Arshad Khan, Kumar Kartikeya, Hrithik Shokeen, Jason Behrendorff, Akash Madhwal.

SUNRISERS HYDERABAD
RELEASED PLAYERS: 12
(Kane Williamson, Nicholas Pooran, J. Suchith, Priyam Garg, R. Samarth, Romario Shepherd, Saurabh Dubey, Sean Abbott, Shashank Singh, Shreyas Gopal, Sushant Mishra, Vishnu Vinod).
Traded in: None
Purse remaining: ₹42.25 crore
Overseas slots remaining: 4
Current squad: Abdul Samad, Aiden Markram, Rahul Tripathi, Glenn Phillips, Abhishek Sharma, Marco Jansen, Washington Sundar, Fazalhaq Farooqi, Kartik Tyagi, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, T. Natarajan, Umran Malik.

CHENNAI SUPER KINGS
RELEASED PLAYERS: 8
(Dwayne Bravo, Robin Uthappa, Adam Milne, Hari Nishaanth, Chris Jordan, Bhagath Varma, K.M. Asif, N. Jagadeesan).
Traded in: None
Purse remaining: ₹20.45 crore
Overseas slots remaining: 2
Current squad: M.S. Dhoni (Capt.), Devon Conway, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Ambati Rayudu, Subhranshu Senapati, Moeen Ali, Shivam Dube, Rajvardhan Hangargekar, Dwaine Pretorius, Mitchell Santner, Ravindra Jadeja, Tushar Deshpande, Mukesh Chowdhary, Matheesha Pathirana, Simarjeet Singh, Deepak Chahar, Prashant Solanki, Maheesh Theekshana.

PUNJAB KINGS
RELEASED PLAYERS: 9
(Mayank Agarwal, Odean Smith, Vaibhav Arora, Benny Howell, Ishan Porel, Ansh Patel, Prerak Mankad, Sandeep Sharma, Writtick Chatterjee).
Traded in: None
Purse remaining: ₹32.2 crore
Overseas slots remaining: 3
Current squad: Shikhar Dhawan (Capt.), M. Shahrukh Khan, Jonny Bairstow, Prabhsimran Singh, Bhanuka Rajapaksa, Jitesh Sharma, Raj Bawa, Rishi Dhawan, Liam Livingstone, Atharva Taide, Arshdeep Singh, Baltej Singh, Nathan Ellis, Kagiso Rabada, Rahul Chahar, Harpreet Brar.

KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS
RELEASED PLAYERS: 16
(Pat Cummins, Sam Billings, Aman Khan, Shivam Mavi, Mohammad Nabi, Chamika Karunaratne, Aaron Finch, Alex Hales, Abhijeet Tomar, Ajinkya Rahane, Ashok Sharma, Baba Indrajith, Pratham Singh, Ramesh Kumar, Rasikh Salam, Sheldon Jackson).
Traded in: Shardul Thakur, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Lockie Ferguson.
Purse remaining: ₹7.05 crore
Overseas slots remaining: 3
Current squad: Shreyas Iyer (Capt.), Nitish Rana, Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Venkatesh Iyer, Andre Russell, Sunil Narine, Shardul Thakur, Lockie Ferguson, Umesh Yadav, Tim Southee, Harshit Rana, Varun Chakravarthy, Anukul Roy, Rinku Singh.

GUJARAT TITANS
RELEASED PLAYERS: 6
(Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Lockie Ferguson, Dominic Drakes, Gurkeerat Singh, Jason Roy, Varun Aaron).
Traded in: None
Purse remaining: ₹19.25 crore
Overseas slots remaining: 3
Current squad: Hardik Pandya (Capt.), Shubman Gill, David Miller, Abhinav Manohar, Sai Sudharsan, Wriddhiman Saha, Matthew Wade, Rashid Khan, Rahul Tewatia, Vijay Shankar, Mohammed Shami, Alzarri Joseph, Yash Dayal, Pradeep Sangwan, Darshan Nalkande, Jayant Yadav, R. Sai Kishore, Noor Ahmad.

LUCKNOW SUPER GIANTS
RELEASED PLAYERS: 7
(Andrew Tye, Ankit Rajpoot, Dushmantha Chameera, Evin Lewis, Jason Holder, Manish Pandey, Shahbaz Nadeem).
Traded in: None
Purse remaining: ₹23.35 crore
Overseas slots remaining: 4
Current squad: K.L. Rahul (Capt.), Ayush Badoni, Karan Sharma, Manan Vohra, Quinton de Kock, Marcus Stoinis, K. Gowtham, Deepak Hooda, Kyle Mayers, Krunal Pandya, Avesh Khan, Mohsin Khan, Mark Wood, Mayank Yadav, Ravi Bishnoi.

ROYAL CHALLENGERS BANGALORE
RELEASED PLAYERS: 5
(Jason Behrendorff, Aneeshwar Gautam, Chama Milind, Luvnith Sisodia, Sherfane Rutherford).
Traded in: None
Purse remaining: ₹8.75 crore
Overseas slots remaining: 2
Current squad: Faf du Plessis (Capt.), Virat Kohli, Suyash Prabhudessai, Rajat Patidar, Dinesh Karthik, Anuj Rawat, Finn Allen, Glenn Maxwell, Wanindu Hasaranga, Shahbaz Ahmed, Harshal Patel, David Willey, Karn Sharma, Mahipal Lomror, Mohammed Siraj, Josh Hazlewood, Siddarth Kaul, Akash Deep.

RAJASTHAN ROYALS
RELEASED PLAYERS: 9
(Anunay Singh, Corbin Bosch, Daryl Mitchell, James Neesham, Karun Nair, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Rassie van der Dussen, Shubham Garhwal, Tejas Baroka).
Traded in: None
Purse remaining: ₹13.2 crore
Overseas slots remaining: 4
Current squad: Sanju Samson (Capt.), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shimron Hetmyer, Devdutt Padikkal, Jos Buttler, Dhruv Jurel, Riyan Parag, Prasidh Krishna, Trent Boult, Obed McCoy, Navdeep Saini, Kuldeep Sen, Kuldip Yadav, R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, K.C. Cariappa.

DELHI CAPITALS
RELEASED PLAYERS: 5
(Shardul Thakur, Tim Seifert, Ashwin Hebbar, K.S. Bharat, Mandeep Singh).
Traded in: Aman Khan
Purse remaining: ₹19.45 crore
Overseas slots remaining: 2
Current squad: Rishabh Pant (Capt.), David Warner, Prithvi Shaw, Ripal Patel, Rovman Powell, Sarfaraz Khan, Yash Dhull, Mitchell Marsh, Lalit Yadav, Axar Patel, Anrich Nortje, Chetan Sakariya, Kamlesh Nagarkoti, Khaleel Ahmed, Lungi Ngidi, Mustafizur Rahman, Aman Khan, Kuldeep Yadav, Praveen Dubey, Vicky Ostwal.

Ronaldo bullish on Brazil's chances

South Americans have been playing in Europe for so many years and are known opponents

INTERVIEW

Ronaldo

Ronaldo Nazario, the *Phenomenon*, played two consecutive World Cup finals, losing the first and winning the next. He was the highest scorer in the competition before Miroslav Klose went past him in 2014.

What are Brazil's chances of winning the World Cup?

We have a great squad and we can do it. Brazil was superb in the qualifiers and we all know how tough it is in South America. We have to face difficult opponents in different atmospheres throughout the continent.

Will the abundance of talent up front be a problem for the coach?

Yes. Tite will have to pick the best three from among the six. But that's a headache any coach would welcome. Neymar Jr is going to definitely start.

Who then from Vinicius Jr, Rodrygo, Gabriel Jesus, Richarlison, Raphinha and Antony?

That's for Tite to decide! However, I think he has decided his playing XI. For me, Vini should be preferred given the form he is in for Real Madrid.

Since Brazil in 2002, it's been a European domination...

The Europeans are playing well. They have the speed and aggression, they are scoring goals like the Brazilians do! And they have always defended well. South Americans have been playing in Europe for so many years and are known opponents now. So, there is not much difference really.

Which teams do you fancy in Qatar?

France is one of the contenders. You cannot rule out Germany. England reached the Euro finals. Spain has been playing well, so has Portugal. Because of our rivalry, I cannot support Argentina! But there is no denying that it is one of the contenders.

Factfile GROUP B

ENGLAND
Appearances: 15
Matches: 69
Goals: 91
Ranking: 5
Best performance: Winner in 1966
Captain: Harry Kane; Coach: Gareth Southgate; Watch out for: Harry Kane

USA
Appearances: 10
Matches: 33
Goals: 37
Ranking: 16
Best performance: Third in 1930
Captain: Christian Pulisic; Coach: Gregg Berhalter; Watch out for: Christian Pulisic

WALES
Appearances: 1
Matches: 5
Goals: 4
Ranking: 19
Best performance: Quarterfinalist in 1958
Captain: Gareth Bale; Coach: Rob Page; Watch out for: Gareth Bale

IRAN
Appearances: 5
Matches: 15
Goals: 9
Ranking: 20
Best performance: Third-place finish in its group in 1998, 2018
Captain: Ehsan Hajsafi; Coach: Carlos Queiroz; Watch out for: Mehdi Taremi

England odds-on favourite to progress; USA, Wales and Iran set to battle for second spot

Aashin Prasad

Group B is a strong one with all four teams ranked in the top 20, which will make it one of the most tightly-contested groups. England will be expected to be the favourite to make the knockouts followed by the USA with Wales – Gareth Bale in particular – and Iran looking to spring a surprise.

It's more likely the teams will adopt a tournament-style pragmatic football and not go gung-ho in attack. And the teams have coaches in Gareth Southgate (England), Gregg Berhalter (USA) and Carlos Queiroz (Iran), who focus on minimising turnover in possession or minimising spaces to get in behind. Wales' Rob Page is a relative newcomer to the international stage.

ENGLAND

Six months ago, England was seen as a major contender for the World Cup but a poor Nations League run and injury concerns have doused expectations.

Defender Reece James is out of the tournament, centre-back Kyle Walker and central midfielder Kalvin Phillips are racing against time to be match-fit, while centre-back Harry Maguire has suffered a massive dip in form.

Southgate has had a mixed review of his time with the resources available at his disposal. Despite the availability of attacking riches, he prefers to go with a back five and play with three attackers. But England's lack of central midfielders, who can control games means it has let winning positions slip in recent big tournaments.

USA

On paper, the USA has a talented young core, which plies its trade in top European clubs, but is largely insipid as a unit. The USA has put lower-ranked teams to the sword, but has struggled against Saudi Arabia and El Salvador in recent times.

Christian Pulisic, 24, whose club form has been erratic, is the team's biggest star and always steps up for the national team. It is also stacked with upcoming stars in Gio Reyna, Tim Weah, Josh Sargent, Sergino Dest and Brenden Aaronson. Fitness cloud hovers over over key central midfielder Weston McKennie after he suffered a thigh injury recently.

WALES

Wales will look to ride the wave of making the finals for the first time in 64 years. Gareth Bale helped Wales reach the 2016 Euro semifinals and qualify for the World Cup in June.

Any hope of the Dragons progressing past the group stages lies squarely on Bale's prowess. The 33-year-old's time at his new club Los Angeles FC has been managed to ensure he remains match-fit. He has made just two starts and never completed 90 minutes in his 13 appearances, but crucially scored a dramatic equaliser in LAFC's MLS Cup win.

Wales has a good mix of youth and experience to cause more than an upset or two.

IRAN

Iran hasn't had an ideal preparation. Turmoil in its own backyard, the country's sports stars not wanting to see their nation in Qatar, and widespread calls for it to be kicked out and a change in coach added to its uncertainty.

Carlos Queiroz returned as coach after Dragan Skocic was fired, reinstated and fired again within the space of two months. Queiroz is known for his ultra-pragmatic football and will look to set up to frustrate his opponents.

While the team is built on defensive solidity, Team Melli will bank on Alireza Jahanbaksh, Mehdi Taremi and Sardar Azmoun to provide the spark up front.

We have to watch out for Suryakumar, says Williamson

Any opportunity that you get to play against India is always a special one and the teams are looking forward to that, reveals the Kiwi skipper

INTERVIEW

Williamson

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

For the second year in a row, India and New Zealand will lock horns within a week after the T20 World Cup. In an interaction with *The Hindu*, New Zealand captain Kane Williamson spelt out the biggest threat that the Kiwis will have to tackle over the next fortnight in the white-ball series that will be streamed live on Prime Video.

How do you get yourself right up there after a high pressure event like the World Cup?

That's a good question. Obviously not just the World Cup, but the schedules even prior have been busy and it's been so for everybody. But as we know, the schedule is pretty full. Any opportunity that you get to play against India is always special and the teams are looking forward to that.

Last year being in the tournament for a little bit longer meant that the turnaround was quicker, but this time there was maybe a couple of more days. So yeah, that's the way the schedule really is.

Would you say that over the next couple of weeks, the focus will shift more towards ODIs rather than T20Is?

The focus will be on the game we are playing, but obviously there's a World Cup just around the corner for ODI cricket, so yeah. The focus will be on all the games but no doubt, ODIs is the focus for all the teams as a format in particular.

Who do you think will be the biggest threat from the Indian team?

Having played against most of those players, if not all of them, I know that they have match-winners throughout. Recently that we have seen, Suryakumar (Yadav), the No. 1 T20 player in the world, is a huge talent and someone to watch out for.

Any surprise that you have up your sleeves to tackle Suryakumar's onslaught?

Maybe we need to tackle him (laughs). As a team, we will sit down when the whole squad arrives and discuss our options. But he is a special player who hits the ball to all areas, so a real challenge.

Suryakumar. GETTY IMAGES

INBRIEF

Guptill, Boult dropped; Allen gets the nod for India series

The seasoned Martin Guptill and Trent Boult were on Tuesday dropped from New Zealand's squad for the home limited overs series against India, beginning here on November 18. Opener Guptill has been dropped to accommodate rising star Finn Allen (*in pic*).

The squads: For T20Is: Kane Williamson (Capt.), Finn Allen, Michael Bracewell, Devon Conway (wk), Lockie Ferguson, Daryl Mitchell, Adam Milne, Jimmy Neesham, Glenn Phillips, Mitchell Santner, Tim Southee, Ish Sodhi and Blair Tickner.

For ODIs: Kane Williamson (Capt.), Finn Allen, Michael Bracewell, Devon Conway, Lockie Ferguson, Daryl Mitchell, Adam Milne, Jimmy Neesham, Glenn Phillips, Mitchell Santner, Tim Southee, Tom Latham (wk) and Matt Henry.

Arjun and Praggnanandhaa suffer opening round losses

Arjun Erigaisi and R. Praggnanandhaa surrendered to higher-rated rivals in the opening round of the $210,000 Meltwaters Champions Chess Tour Finals on Monday. Arjun tossed away a promising position in the opening game against Poland's Jan-Krzysztof Duda by committing two blunders in quick successions to lose. In contrast, Praggnanandhaa made a comeback after losing the first game to Azerbaijan's Shakhriyar Mamedyarov by claiming the third. But Mamedyarov gained control in the fourth game and won in 39 moves for a 2.5-1.5 verdict. Magnus Carlsen expectedly defeated Wesley So 2.5-1.5.

Deshwal stars as Jaipur Pink Panthers downs U Mumba

Arjun Deshwal (13 points) was the architect of Jaipur Pink Panthers' 32-22 win over U Mumba in the Pro Kabaddi League in Pune on Tuesday. Pink Panthers inflicted an All Out in the fifth minute to take a 9-2 lead and rode on the momentum to cruise past its opponent. In the second match, Bengaluru Bulls outplayed Telugu Titans in both defence and attack to register a comprehensive 49-38 win.

China posts facile win over India in blind football

China blanked India 4-0 in a men's Group 'A' league match of the Asia-Oceania blind football championship at the United Sports Centre, Kakkanad, on Tuesday.

Onat helps Karnataka secure first-innings lead

MYSURU: Vishal Onat's first-innings century (163) was instrumental in Karnataka securing the first-innings lead against Uttarakhand in a drawn Cooch Behar Trophy under-19 cricket tournament match in Dehradun.

The scores: Karnataka 428 in 117.5 overs (Vishal Onat 163, Prakhar Chaturvedi 123, Yashovardhan Parantap 48, Shashwat Dangwal 5/73) & 35/4 in nine overs drew with Uttarakhand 221 in 72.5 overs (Ashar Khan 86, Aarav Mahajan 43, Yashovardhan Parantap 4/22) & 352 in 115 overs (Divyam Rawat 62, Ashar Khan 57, Shashwat Dangwal 77, Sanskar Rawat 75, Yashovardhan Parantap 4/73, R. Dhanush Gowda 3/42).

Vishwanath pips Joyce as India opens campaign in style

Asian youth champion Vishwanath Suresh claimed a thrilling 3-2 win over Ireland's Patsy Joyce Thady in the mens 48kg to open India's campaign on a winning note at the IBA youth men's and women's World Boxing Championships in La Nucia, Spain, on Tuesday.

LIVE TELECAST

ATP Finals: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6.30 p.m. onwards

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards

Pre World Cup 2022 Friendlies: Sony Sports 2 & 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10.30 p.m. onwards

Pacers deliver crucial win for Rajasthan

They thwart Delhi's late surge, led by Vashisht, for a 52-run victory; Karnataka puts up a clinical performance with bat and ball against Jharkhand, posts its third victory

HAZARE TROPHY

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Aniket Choudhary and Kamlesh Nagarkoti captured three wickets apiece as Rajasthan registered an important 52-run win over Delhi in an Elite Group-B match of the Vijay Trophy one-day tournament at the Eden Gardens here on Tuesday.

Asked to bat, Rajasthan stuttered to post a modest 218. Its pacers' collective performance thwarted a Shivank Vashisht-led late surge and bundled Delhi out for 166 for the team's second victory.

Rajasthan, after losing two wickets early, recovered slightly due to a 66-run partnership between Abhijeet Tomar (33, 49b, 5x4) and Mahipal Lomror (35, 48b, 3x4, 2x6).

In smashing form: Mayank helped Karnataka race to the target.

Rajasthan captain Ashok Menaria (31, 52b, 4x4) played a patient knock.

Young left-hander Kunal Rathore (70, 75b, 7x4, 4x6), added 43 with Deepak Chahar for the seventh wicket and 40 with Aniket for the 10th to uplift Rajasthan. Delhi began dismally as the Rajasthan speedsters chose good areas and got some movement.

Opener Dhruv Shorey (41, 68b, 5x4), calmly held one end, edged one behind off a rising Aniket delivery from round the wicket as Delhi reeled at 91 for seven.

Southpaw Shivank (51, 60b, 7x4) and Navdeep Saini (22, 55b, 1x4, 1x6) formed a 62-run stand until Deepak ended their resistance.

At the Jadavpur University ground, the Karnataka pace battery wreaked havoc to wrap up the Jharkhand innings for 107 runs. Captain Mayank Agarwal (53, 63b, 7x4, 1x6) scored a half-century to script a convincing six-wicket win for Karnataka, which recorded its third win.

TUESDAY'S HAZARE TROPHY SCORES

Group A: At New Delhi: Chandigarh 255/6 in 50 overs (Arslan Khan 43, Shivam Bhambri 59, Bhagmender Lather 48, Gaurav Puri 53 n.o.) bt Tripura 251/9 in 50 overs (Wriddhiman Saha 101, Rajat Dey 78, Rohit Dhanda 5/68).

Himachal Pradesh 362/4 in 50 overs (Shubham Arora 133, Amit Kumar 120) bt Manipur 163/8 in 50 overs.

Gujarat 195/9 in 50 overs (Bhargav Merai 61, Ankit Rajpoot 4/30) lost to Uttar Pradesh 197/4 in 47 overs (Priyam Garg 47, Rinku Singh 68 n.o., Akshdeep Nath 47 n.o.).

Saurashtra 312/9 in 50 overs (Harvik Desai 102, Elligaram Sanketh 4/62) lost to Hyderabad 314/5 in 48.5 overs (Tanmay Agarwal 124, Rohit Rayudu 83, Tilak Varma 45).

Group B: At Kolkata: Rajasthan 218 in 48.5 overs (Kunal Singh Rathore 70) bt Delhi 166 in 42.1 overs (Dhruv Shorey 41, Shivank Vashisht 51).

Punjab's Ramandeep.

Assam 221/9 in 50 overs (Mukhtar Hussain 47 n.o., Abhishek Kumar 5/41) bt Meghalaya 57 in 20.4 overs.

Sikkim 97 in 26.5 overs (Sumit Singh 53) lost to Vidarbha 101/3 in 17.2 overs (Jitesh Sharma 48).

Jharkhand 107 in 40.4 overs (Kumar Kushagra 56) lost to Karnataka 108/4 in 26.3 overs (Mayank Agarwal 53).

Group C: At Bengaluru: Bihar 158 in 47.5 overs lost to Haryana 159/1 in 22.2 overs (Himanshu Rana 101 n.o.).

Tamil Nadu 340/6 in 50 overs (Sai Sudharsan 121, N. Jagadeesan 107) bt Chhattisgarh 326/8 in 50 overs (Harpreet Singh 121, Amandeep Khare 115).

Goa 241/8 in 50 overs (Darshan Misal 69) lost to Kerala 242/5 in 38.1 overs (Rohan Kunnummal 134, Sachin Baby 51 n.o.).

Andhra 367/3 in 50 overs (Abhishek Reddy 136, Ashwin Hebbar 60, Srikar Bharat 100 n.o.) bt Arunachal Pradesh 106 in 38 overs.

Group D: At Mumbai: Jammu & Kashmir 295/9 in 50 overs (Fazil Rashid 87, Abid Mushtaq 62, Chopise Hopongkyu 4/59) bt Nagaland 196 in 44.3 overs (Chetan Bist 51, Yudhvir Singh 4/54).

Odisha 172 in 41.1 overs (Subhranshu Senapati 55, Kuldeep Sen 4/28) lost to Madhya Pradesh 175/4 in 31.5 overs (Abhishek Bhandari 52, Shubham Sharma 69).

Baroda 81 in 20.4 overs (Ramandeep Singh 5/17) lost to Punjab 82/1 in 12 overs (Prabhsimran Singh 62 n.o.).

Group E: At Ranchi: Railways 399/4 in 50 overs (Shivam Chaudhary 77, Vivek Singh 136, Mohammad Saif 62, Upendra Yadav 56 n.o., Shubham Chaubey 42 n.o.) bt Mizoram 145/7 in 50 overs (Taruwar Kohli 67).

Services 302/6 in 50 overs (Ravi Chauhan 105, Rahul Singh 81) lost to Pondicherry 303/5 in 48 overs (Arun Karthik 78, Paras Dogra 129 n.o., Ankit Sharma 54).

Bengal 279/6 in 50 overs (Sudip Kumar Gharami 127, Shahbaz Ahmed 62 n.o.) lost to Maharashtra 282/7 in 50 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 40, Kedar Jadhav 42, Azim Kazi 106).

Shivu and Harshit hit big tons in Dooravani Cricketers (1)'s thumping win

INTER-CLUB CRICKET

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Centuries from M. Shivu (186) and Harshit Pai (157) helped Dooravani Cricketers (1) to a whopping 313-run win over Jaidur Cricketers in the KSCA (Group I) under-14 inter-club tournament.

The scores: Dooravani Cricketers (1) 428/3 in 50 overs (Harshit Pai 157, M. Shivu 186, K. Gagan Sai 44 n.o.) bt Jaidur Cricketers 115 in 47.1 overs (G.M. Praneel 25, R.S. Prineeth 4/14).

Cambridge CC 214 in 45.2 overs (Daniel James 25, Manish Benjamin John 59, Mohammed Abdulla 34, K. Preetham Raj 3/43, Purav Shikar 3/40) bt Jawahar SC (1) 141 in 40.1 overs (Krishna N. Pahuja 32, P. Bhanu 35).

Bangalore SC 466/5 in 50 overs (Yogesh S. Chavan 150, G. Aravind 54, Kaustbh Gupta 102, N.S. Shaurya 84 n.o.) bt Hanumanthnagar CC 38 in 24.2 overs (Rajarshi Mitra 4/4).

Rajajinagar Cricketers 237 in 40.2 overs (D. Chiranth 63, Raj Aryan 48, S. Leshan 40, Om Jakati 4/33, Shamanth 3/22) bt Jawahar SC (2) 120 in 40.2 overs (M. Sevanth 26, Shamanth 42, Arindam Kumar Sharma 5/26).

Engrades CC 133 in 45.4 overs (S.M. Bhavanth 61, Prithvi Karajgi 3/10) lost to Hammonds CC 134/6 in 34 overs (M.P. Ayush 76 n.o.).

BUCC (1) 269/8 in 50 overs (P. Rithesh 45, Adhrit Rao 111, Krish Singh Dhami 60, K. Ishaan V. Rao 5/47) bt Bharath CC 257 in 48 overs (Siddharth Rajesh Nair 39, Sujan Gunapal 55, Mukund Balaji 25, Adhrit Rao 3/53).

Vijaya CC 246 in 49.5 overs (Dhruv Krishnan 66, Anvay Dravid 46, Shaurya Murali Ramanath 62, Suvik Gill 4/22) bt Bangalore Occasionals 167 in 46 overs (Ayaan Sharmod Kumar 29, Suvik Gill 49 n.o., Amegh Verma 3/31).

Jawans CC 197/9 in 45 overs (Arjun A. Naik 25, G.S. Monish Gowda 41, Rohan Vyas 38 n.o., Supreet Ganji 3/25) bt Visweswarampuram CC (2) 141 in 41.1 overs (Shaurya A. Gowda 31 n.o., Sumedh S. Bannikoppa 3/15).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Suffyan makes the main league

Suffyan Ahmed defeated H. Anil Kumar 3-2 (73-24, 44-52, 33-58, 83-39, 68-21) to move into the main league of the State-ranking snooker tournament here on Tuesday.

Southern Alpha SA rallies to win

Goals from Govindaraju (9') and Suresh (36') helped Southern Alpha Sports Academy register a come-from-behind 2-1 win over Garuda HC in the KSHA C-division hockey league here on Tuesday. For Garuda, D. Jaswanth scored in the fifth minute.

Yao does the 'trick as Sporting Club runs riot

Bernard Yao scored a hat-trick as Sporting Club Bengaluru thrashed Bangalore Dream United FC 10-0 in the BDFA Super Division League football here on Tuesday.

The results: Sporting Club Bengaluru 10 (Shanid Valan 7, 27, Ashish Jha 24, 48, Kouassi Bernard Yao 31, 43, 53, Appu 3, 71, Vignesh 76) bt Bangalore Dream United FC 0; BUFC 1 (Silvian Bonha A. Nyam 69) bt Kodagu FC 0.

SNAPSHOTS

Auger-Aliassime Nadal's hopes

Felix Auger-Aliassime left Rafael Nadal's title hopes at the ATP Finals in tatters as he beat the struggling Spaniard 6-3, 6-4 in round-robin action in Turin on Tuesday.

The 35-year-old, beaten by Taylor Fritz in his opener, is bottom of the Green Group with a match remaining against Norway's Casper Ruud.

Meanwhile on Monday, Novak Djokovic continued his dominance over Stefanos Tsitsipas with a 6-4, 7-6(4) win. Djokovic's outstanding serving, mighty forehand and all-court defence delivered him a ninth straight win over Tsitsipas in their Red Group match.

Pollard retires from IPL, to be MI's batting coach

Kieron Pollard, one of the most successful overseas cricketers in the Indian Premier League, has announced his retirement from the Twenty20 league.

Mumbai Indians, the only team that he represented in 13 editions, has appointed him batting coach for the next edition.

Besides being an integral part of Mumbai Indians' all five IPL titles, Pollard also captained the team in six matches.

Mary Kom to head IOA's athletes commission

Six-time World women's boxing champion and Olympic medallist Mary Kom was elected as chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Olympic Associaiton (IOA) on Tuesday. Table tennis ace Sharath Kamal will be the vice chairperson.

Shiva Narwal claims men's air pistol gold as Indian shooters reign

Shiva Narwal won the men's air pistol gold, defeating Park Daehun of Korea 17-13 in the Asian Airgun championship in Daegu, Korea, on Tuesday.

It was another Indian sweep of the gold medals as Sagar Dangi won the junior men's yellow metal with a 17-13 victory over compatriot Samrat Rana.

The youth men's and women's teams also won, beating Korea 16-8 and 16-10 respectively.

On one side, T20; on the other, Test and ODI: that's the split

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

If the World Cup defeat has one lesson for India, it is this: T20 is a young man's game. When India won the title in 2007 it was a fluke, and when India beat Pakistan in their inaugural match in Melbourne, it was another fluke. The problem with doing well by accident is that teams develop delusions of adequacy.

Sometimes in sport, there can be a beautiful defeat. India's to England wasn't one of those. It was a team betting on past reputation losing to one which had plans. India also had one drawback England didn't: fear of getting out (FOGO). India batted like a team worried about what other people might think.

By now everybody from the professional pundit to the person who clips hedges for a living has told us why India lost. They play T20 a 50-over game.

The top three batsmen wasted too many deliveries settling in. Averages still matter more than strike rates. The bowling lacked ideas. The think tank was too old and used the solutions of another generation to the problems of this one. These have been articulated frequently in the recent past.

Dream on...

We live in dreams, the fans consoled themselves, and we learn how to hoist ourselves from one dream to the next, and move on. Next dream: the 50-over World Cup at home next year.

That the most powerful team, with the most money, greatest number and range of players, the biggest tournament, and unrivalled influence hasn't been able to win an ICC tournament in a decade gives rise to *schadenfreude* in other teams.

I have often made the point in these columns that T20 is a different sport that just happens to use the implements of cricket. It has to be approached differently, and performances have to be assessed differently. A player's primary stat was the runs he scored (or the wickets he took); thanks to the IPL and other domestic leagues, it is now how much he costs.

Two strategies

T20 demands two strategies – one, overall, and the other 720 small strategies, one for each ball of an innings. For the first you need players who take chances, and are willing to look ugly in pursuit of boundaries and sixes. For the second, in addition, you need players with flexibility and match-awareness.

The only batsmen who looked like T20 players were Suryakumar Yadav and Hardik Pandya, and that's not a good enough percentage. Virat Kohli might play one great innings in a tournament, the sort only he can, but is that enough?

The time has come to put T20 in a separate basket of its own – with its own captain, own specialist players, own coach and support staff. England have done that, and reaped the rewards. The division in cricket is not between the red ball and the white, but between Tests and ODIs on one side and T20 on the other.

Change in personnel

It is a fast-evolving format, and cannot accommodate professionals in the support staff who haven't had enough games at the highest level. Coach Rahul Dravid has been 'rested' after the World Cup. T20 coaches should come from the generation following his. An ideal candidate might be Mahendra Singh Dhoni who needs no extra recommendation. Just as India must look to change their personnel on the field, the same applies off the field too.

When one-day cricket first went international, India played it like a version of Test cricket. And now history is repeating itself with T20.

The T20 formula of youth and experience applies to the commentary box too – the former players there wield great influence, after all. To hear hackneyed phrases like "getting his eye in", or after a batsman defends a ball following a six, "he is batting sensibly, mixing it up," or "singles can disrupt the bowling" is indication enough that some are speaking of a different game altogether.

Read the numbers

If the Board of Control for Cricket in India is serious about a post mortem (and not simply in axing everybody), they should spend time with the number-crunchers, the statisticians, the analysts – understanding data is more important than appreciating a cover drive in the format. Once that essential truth percolates through, India can start dreaming about the 2024 World Cup.